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Portfolio Yesterday's Times Portfolio competition prize of £4,000 was won by Mr R. Brain of Sevenoaks, Kent. Portfolio list, page 18. How to play, back page Information Service.

Racing may end soon at Brands Motor racing at Brands Hatch could end soon if the Kent track's owner, BAT Industries, succeeds with plans to sell it. Prospective buyers, which include the large supermarket groups, are already contemplating the track's disposal as part of the site's redevelopment. Page 19

Spies scuppered France is to close the military underwater diving school at Aspretto in Corsica, where divers involved in the Rainbow Warrior sinking were trained. Earlier report, page 8

Hindu fear Hindu politicians are showing growing signs of nervousness about the political line the new government in Punjab will follow. There are fears that the Akali Dal party could yield to Sikh separatist extremists. Report, page 10 Gandhi profile, page 12

Just like a MAN... A better service The National Health Service is recruiting 1,000 general managers to ensure that Britain gets the best possible service, says Victor Paige, chairman of the NHS management board, in an introduction to today's eight-page general appointments section. Pages 29-36

Doubt on jailing The Home Office was last night "urgently considering" the case of Anthony Mycock after a woman admitted she invented the break-in for which he was jailed. Report, page 3

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Scargill wins vote but fails to affect Labour's manifesto

From Julian Haviland, Bournemouth

Mr Arthur Scargill succeeded yesterday in persuading the Labour Party conference to underwrite the National Union of Mineworkers' demand for full reimbursement of its losses from the coal strike. But the course of the debate at Bournemouth showed that sentiment in the party towards the NUM, as distinct from the miners, had greatly changed since last year's conference at Blackpool. Then, with the NUM embattled against the National Coal Board and against the Government, Mr Scargill was the hero of the conference and earned a prolonged ovation, with Mr Neil Kinnock and the whole national executive joining in adulation. Yesterday only a third of the delegates stood for Mr Scargill and some even booed him at the end of the debate, when he insisted on pressing his union's resolution to a vote. The margin in favour of the NUM was 3,542,000 to 2,912,000, or 55 per cent to 45 per cent, well short of the two-to-one ratio required to make its proposals part of the party's programme. Mr Kinnock, who put himself forward to speak for the NEC, was on paper the loser. But most votes were pledged before the debate began so that his speech could not have affected the outcome by much. His objective was to make plain to the party and the country that the miners' demand, whether approved by conference or not, was empty because no government could comply with it. Mr Scargill's main appeal was to emotion. Thousands of miners had been injured, he said, and some had died on the picket lines, carrying out Labour Party policy. The party should repay that commitment. He based himself on a conference resolution of 1982 which promised retrospective legislation to repay fines levied on trade unionists under "Tory laws". Mr Kinnock replied that the NUM had been challenged by its own members not under Tory laws, but under common law. And he had a more telling point which made some on the platform beside him look uneasy: not a word of that 1982 commitment, he said, had appeared in Labour's election manifesto the following year, because no member either of the NEC or of the parliamentary party had asked that it should be. Mr Kinnock was a direct as Mr Scargill yesterday as with the Liverpool Militants on Tuesday. It would be dishonest for the party to undertake that people could come into conflict with the law, he said, and be rescued by a future Labour government. It was not going to happen. "If we were ever to endorse the idea of retrospective reimbursement we would harm our chances because people would be confused about our attitude to the rule of law." Three unions helped to limit the scale of the majority for the NUM's motion by switching their votes against it between the TUC last month and the Labour Party conference (Our Labour Editor writes). Executive decisions by the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs, with a block vote of 132,000, and the print union Sogat '82, with 76,000 votes, before the conference committed their Labour Party delegations to voting against the miners' composite motion. The four-man delegation from the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfireds decided on Tuesday night, after Mr Kinnock's keynote speech, to oppose the motion. The union commands 17,000 votes. If those three unions had not switched it would have taken the majority from more than 3.7 million to about 2.7 million and would still therefore not have been enough to reach the two-thirds majority which would have obliged the party to consider the proposals for inclusion in its election manifesto. Mr Kinnock's supporters were pointing out last night that two unions could have secured outright defeat for the motion proposed by Mr Scargill, had not the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, and the Confederation of Health Service Employees decided by the narrowest of majorities to cast their collective 371,000 votes behind the NUM. The executive of CofHE last week recommended its delegation by 13 votes to 11 to support the motion. That effectively made the delegates' decision a foregone conclusion, because even executive members who had opposed the motion were bound by the earlier decision. Mrs Cherry Groce, who was shot mistakenly by police in Brixton last weekend, may have to wait months before knowing whether she is permanently paralysed, according to doctors (Colin Hughes writes). 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Mrs Groce, a mother of six, in St Thomas's hospital where she is visited daily by her family.

Paralysed mother's long wait

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Mitterrand refusal blow to US

From Michael Binyon Washington The evident pique of President Mitterrand of France in rejecting President Reagan's invitation to a Western summit meeting in New York has thrown into disarray US plans to co-ordinate its allies' stance before Mr Reagan meets Mr Gorbachev. The Administration has also been embarrassed by the call from Belgium and The Netherlands for a special Nato meeting before the summit took place into account the views of the smaller allies excluded from the invitation to the New York meeting on October 24. The two countries are scheduled to deploy 48 cruise missiles each under the Nato dual-track decision, and The Netherlands has just confirmed that it also plans to accept them. Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, wrote to Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, pointing out that while it was useful for the US to consult Japan, one of the seven countries invited to the meeting, Nato remained the proper forum for allied consultation on arms control and East-West relations. The Administration will be consulting Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, during a visit here. The State Department said that Mr Tindemans' proposal for a Nato foreign ministers' meeting was under consideration. The White House announced earlier that President Reagan would arrange a meeting with Mitterrand at some unspecified date. There was barely concealed anger among Administration officials yesterday at the clumsiness of Bonn officials in prematurely disclosing the plans for a New York summit before some other Western leaders had even received the invitations. The White House admitted that this forced it to announce the October meeting before it was finally agreed. President Mitterrand's refusal to attend is a particular blow, as Mr Reagan was especially anxious to hear the personal impressions of Mitterrand had of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, now on an official visit to Paris. President Reagan has gone out of his way to express confidence that the French leader would not succumb to propaganda blandishments by the Soviet leader.

Hatton faces Labour inquiry

By Philip Webster and Anthony Davies

Labour moderates last night signalled a new purge against party extremists with moves which could lead to the expulsion of Mr Derek Hatton and other leading members of Liverpool City Council. In a move which surprised senior party figures, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers announced that it was demanding an investigation into the membership of Mr Hatton and his colleagues. Mr Kenneth Cure, an executive member of the AUEW, confirmed that he was writing to the party demanding the inquiry, and, as he is a member of Labour's national executive, his request must be considered. Party officials said that when his letter was received it would go before an executive meeting later this month. The move alarmed some of Mr Neil Kinnock's close colleagues, because it came on a day when the first moves were made towards a solution of the Liverpool crisis. But Labour moderates were clearly determined to follow up Mr Kinnock's denunciation of Militant's domination in Liverpool. But Mr Cure, who is chairman of the party's appeals and mediation committee which would be in charge of any further planned moves against Militant, said: "It is clearly obvious from the campaign that they have been running here in Bournemouth and in Liverpool that they are out of step with the party's resolutions on Militant Tendency." "Membership of Militant is incompatible with membership of the Labour Party. We question their action in putting in jeopardy the livelihoods of a significant number of people in Liverpool." Two years ago the five



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Drug could be 'like Thalidomide'

A drug sold throughout the world for the treatment of acne may be as devastating as Thalidomide in causing birth defects, doctors in America report today. The drug, known in the United States as Accutane and in Britain as Roaccutane, has been on the market internationally for three years. Pregnant women who have taken Accutane either during or shortly before their pregnancy are 20 times more likely to have a child with serious birth defects, doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital say in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. Doctors in Britain are already strongly cautioned against giving the drug to pregnant women.

Hostility to US sweeps Arab world

Anti-American sentiment is sweeping through the Arab world after Israel's air raid on the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunis. Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, accused the United States of "complicity" in the attack and said the Palestinians would strike back against Israel's "official terrorism". US embassies around the world were put on alert against possible terrorist attacks. President Reagan's defence of the Israeli action contrasted with a statement by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, deploring "acts of violence from whatever quarter they come". The Israeli Cabinet decided to launch a diplomatic offensive, primarily in EEC capitals, aimed at proving how necessary its action in Tunisia had been. In Cyprus, Mr Michael Davison, the British detained, told the killing three Israelis, told his parents he had acted "in an idealist... for his heart" on behalf of Palestinians. Raid aftermath, page 7

Councils face ban on political advertising

By Colin Hughes Legislation banning local authorities from party political promotion and advertising will be introduced "at the earliest opportunity", the Government said yesterday. Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State for Local Government, also announced intentions to force councils to set their rate by a specified date. Mr Waldegrave presented the suggested package, which is expected to be included in the Queen's Speech at the start of the next parliamentary session, to local authority associations yesterday, and has asked for their comments. The Association of London Authorities, which includes most of the left-wing Labour councils which the government is keen to restrain from campaigns against Greater London Council abolition and rate-capping, issued an immediate statement. "After roaring like a lion for months about propaganda on the rates, the government has produced a mouse," Mrs Margaret Hodge, who is chairman of the association, said. Local authorities will argue that the specific measure outlawing party political advertising is wasteful and unnecessary because the law allows only "information" publicity to be funded by the rates. The Government's decision follows consideration of an interim report from the Widdicombe Inquiry into local government published in July. Mr Waldegrave said that his proposals would be to clarify present legislation. The proposals will also include an "express declaration" that local authority funds raised under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (known as the "twopenny rate") should not be used for publicity purposes. Councils would therefore be required to publish in separate accounts, details of publicity spending. In addition he would seek a published Code of Practice setting out principles on the scale, tone, and presentation

Aids victim Rock Hudson dies in his sleep aged 59

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Rock Hudson, the Hollywood film star, who announced in July that he was suffering from Aids, died peacefully in his sleep at his Beverly Hills home yesterday, his publicity agent said. He was 59. Mr Hudson's disclosure that he was one of the victims of the deadly Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome deeply shocked America, and did more than anything else to stimulate public awareness of the seriousness of the Aids epidemic, now affecting more than 13,000 Americans. President Reagan telephoned

his condolences, and politicians as well as the public have been moved by more money and more urgent measures to combat the disease. Mr Hudson, who in a 40-year career made 63 films ranging from westerns to musical comedies and epics, contracted Aids in mid-1984. After months of rumours about his illness, he authorized an announcement while he was in hospital in Paris, where he went in July to seek treatment with powerful drugs. He returned a week later on a chartered plane, haggard and

exhausted, to a hospital in Los Angeles but, on August 24, discharged himself after doctors said they could do no more for him. In his last few months he received an enormous number of letters, flowers and messages from fans all over the world, as well as messages of thanks from other Aids sufferers and from homosexual groups who said his disclosure had helped them immeasurably. Mr Hudson was criticized by some actors for concealing his disease and probably endangering the health of fellow actors and actresses, particularly those he worked with during the

filming of 10 guest appearances in the television series Dynasty earlier this year. But much of Hollywood rallied round him. On September 19 famous stars, led by Elizabeth Taylor, gathered at a dinner in Los Angeles to raise more than \$1 million (£700,000) to fight Aids and help its victims. Mr Hudson, who was too ill to attend, sent a moving message of thanks and donated \$250,000 to organizations researching the disease. Towards the end of his life Mr Hudson revealed that he had suffered deeply at having to live up to the swashbuckling, macho image of his films. For

the past two months popular newspapers have reported almost daily the details of his illness, his unhappy marriage, arranged for him by Hollywood agents, which ended in divorce after three years, and the truth of his rumoured homosexuality. His death comes as there were moves in Congress to pass draconian laws to limit the spread of Aids, including the closing of homosexual bath houses, the prohibiting of Aids victims giving blood or working in health care, and the keeping of young victims of the disease out of school. Obituary, page 16 Photographs, back page

Gunmen murder Russian hostage

From Robert Fisk Beirut

Russian families moved into the Soviet Embassy compound in west Beirut last night and Aeroflot announced the suspension of flights to the Lebanese capital after one of the four Russians kidnapped by gunmen in the city on Monday was murdered by his captors and left on a rubbish tip not far from the ruins of Beirut's old sports stadium. The death of Arkady Katkov, first secretary at the embassy's consular section, could have grave political repercussions in the Middle East. His killers - who announced yesterday that they had "carried out God's sentence against one of the hostages" - threatened to murder the other Russians one by one if the Syrians did not bring their siege of the north Lebanese city of Tripoli to an immediate end. Already the Soviet Union has sought the help of President Assad of Syria to free the three men but a threat to the kidnappers by the Syrians themselves appears to have been ignored. The Soviet Embassy believes - probably correctly - that the killers belong to a Sunni Muslim group which has given its support to the fundamentalist Sunni militia fighting pro-Syrian Lebanese gunmen and Syrian troops in Tripoli. The Hezbollah Party of God movement that is thought to have been involved in the kidnapping of seven Americans and three Frenchmen in the past 18 months has announced its support for the besieged Sunnis in the north. So the Russians now find themselves opposed in Lebanon by some of the most extreme Muslim groups in the country. Mr Katkov, who was 30 and married with two children, was found lying face down on wasteland just off Avenue Camille Chamoun, killed by a spray of 7.62mm bullets from an automatic rifle, at least one of which passed through his head. From blood stains on the ground, doctors think he may have been murdered late on Tuesday. The anonymous caller, claiming to represent the "Islamic Liberation Organization", telephoned news agencies in Beirut just after 10am yesterday to announce the murder, adding that the body had been left in a Muslim area of the city. Shortly before midday, one of Mr Arkady's best friends, a Soviet journalist in the city, identified his body in the mortuary of the American University. At about the same time, there was a brief truce in the fighting around the Tripoli perimeter as the Syrians permitted Sheikh Saad Shaban, leader of the Tawheed Sunni militia in the city, to pass through their lines. Continued on back page, col 6

Paris red carpet for Russian visit

From Diana Geddes and Christopher Walker Paris

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, arrived in a red-carpet welcome in Paris yesterday and immediately renewed his call for a return to détente, a halt to the arms race on earth, and its prevention in space. His brief introductory speech at Orly airport, where he was met by President Mitterrand, left no doubt that Mr Gorbachev will use his much-publicized first visit to the West as Soviet leader to portray himself to the world as a man dedicated to peace and not war. Looking remarkably at home amid the elegance of the official French welcoming party, Mr Gorbachev and his fashionably dressed wife, Raisa, who was wearing a smoke-grey ensemble, appeared set to satisfy French expectations of a new and modern Soviet leadership. Senior Western diplomats yesterday described the four-day official visit as the most important by a Soviet leader to Western Europe since "the heady days of Nikita Khrushchev". The last Soviet leader to visit France was Leonid Brezhnev in 1977. A force of 4,000 armed police imposed some of the tightest security seen in the French capital for many years, enforcing a complete ban on demonstrations, as ordered by the French Socialist Government. Hours before the large Russian delegation touched down in a Russian Illyushin 62 jet, square-jawed blue-coated workers were already out on the streets ripping down anti-Soviet posters. Despite the ban, several organizations were threatening last night to go ahead with their plans for demonstrations. However, known anti-Soviet activists are not to be expelled from Paris, as they were during Mr Brezhnev's visit when a number were temporarily "assigned to residence" in Corsica. In a speech of welcome to Mr Mitterrand, President Mitterrand took care to allude to the violation of human rights in the Soviet Union without directly attacking his guest, when he spoke of "the conflicts, sufferings, and assault on the dignity and individual rights" in the world today. "We welcome you with all the consideration due to your eminent function as head of an ancient and powerful nation," Mr Mitterrand said, going on to describe the Soviet Union as "a fundamental element in the balance of forces in the world". In reply, Mr Gorbachev underlined his desire to oppose "the logic of mutual understanding to the 'anti-logic' of confrontation". The Soviet Union was ready for a "constructive development" in its relations with nations with a different social system, he said. Gorbachev impressed, page 8

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Teachers likely to strike over reinstatement of graffiti boys

Strikes at schools throughout Manchester seem certain after the breakdown yesterday of talks aimed at ending the obscene graffiti dispute at one of the city's comprehensive schools.

Union leaders met members of the city's education committee and senior education officers to demand the reinstatement of 48 teachers who have been suspended or have walked out of Poundswick High School, Wythenshawe.

The argument centres on five fifth-form boys expelled for daubing racist and obscene slogans, referring to members of staff and their wives on school walls.

The teachers were suspended after they refused to teach the five when they were reinstated by the education committee.

After yesterday's talks broke down teachers at eight comprehensives in the city said they would stage unofficial half-day strikes tomorrow to coincide with a rally in support of their suspended colleagues.

The 38 members of Manchester's secondary heads association, which also includes some deputies, are being balloted on a half-day or full-day walk out. The result will be known today.

A 1,000-name petition calling for the reinstatement of the teachers and the removal of the five boys has been handed to education chiefs.

Labour members of the employers' side in the teachers' pay dispute will gather privately

in London today at what is expected to be a tense meeting to discuss a new initiative involving the dropping of conditions attached to a prospective settlement (Our Education Correspondent writes).

The talks between Labour members of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Association of County Councils precede tomorrow's meeting of the whole employers' side on the Burnham negotiating committee.

There is understood to be anger among Labour members at the way in which Mr John Pearson, acting leader of the employers last week and vice-chairman of the AMA's education committee, announced that the AMA was dropping its demand for conditions to be attached to this year's pay settlement.

Until then the employers and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, had agreed that any settlement should be tied to reforms in conditions of service and restructuring of salaries.

Sixteen children were briefly detained by the police yesterday after protests at Top Valley Comprehensive School, Nottingham, against striking teachers.

Fifty pupils at Bartholomew's Secondary School, Eynsham, Oxfordshire, who went on strike in protest at action by teachers, were threatened yesterday with a two-week suspension.

Race head heckled in Downing St Liverpool lay-offs challenged

Mr Ray Honeyford, the Bradford headmaster at the centre of an 18-month dispute over his views on multicultural education, was booed and heckled by demonstrators as he arrived at 10 Downing Street yesterday for a private meeting between Mrs Thatcher and prominent educationists.

About 200 people, including teachers, shouted "racist teacher out" and "Honeyford out" as he walked into Downing Street.

Mr Honeyford was one of about 35 educationists invited by Mrs Thatcher for talks on the future of Britain's schools and colleges.

Also at the meeting were Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment and Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The Prime Minister is believed to have called the "private" gathering because of her desire to make the education system more relevant to the jobs market.

Mr Honeyford, aged 52, returned to Drummond Middle School last week after the High Court lifted a suspension imposed on him by Bradford Council for saying in an article that the education of white children could suffer at a school where coloured pupils were in the majority.

A secret ballot for three new parent governors who could oust Mr Honeyford was counted last night. Mr Honeyford had said he would be back at the school by today in time for the votes to be counted.

Fishermen end factory ship boycott

By Ronald Faux

The Scottish fishing fleet was back at sea yesterday after eight days tied up in port because of a boycott of the East European factory ships anchored off Ullapool in north-west Scotland.

The Scottish Fishermen's Organization confirmed that a new agreement had been struck with the fish buyers, giving a better price for catches. About 60 Scottish boats have refused to supply the East European "klondykers" because, the Scots claim, they had refused to meet an agreement to pay £118 a tonne for the mackerel that are now shoaling down the west coast. After a day of negotiations with the Herring Buyers Association, and further talks yesterday with fishermen in Fraserburgh, a price believed to be higher than the EEC minimum of £105 a tonne was agreed.

Both sides in the dispute were under pressure. The "klondykers" were concerned about the value of the pound against the dollar in an essentially dollar trade, the viability of the Nigerian market for their processed fish after the coup and extra taxes on goods and supplies to the 30-strong fleet of factory ships. For their part, the fishermen badly needed to generate revenue to service their costly vessels which have been tied up for a week as time ran out and the lucrative mackerel shoals swam by uncaught.

Miners set date for ballot on new union

From Craig Seton Mansfield

The leaders of the break-away miners' movement announced yesterday that 32,000 miners will vote in a secret ballot on October 18 on proposals to create a rival federation to the National Union of Mineworkers.

Senior officials from Nottinghamshire, which has 17,500 men, South Derbyshire (3,200) and the Durham-based Colliery Trades & Allied Workers Association (1,500) yesterday put their signatures to the legal instrument of amalgamation for the proposed Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM).

The document, which sets out in draft form the constitution of the UDM, has to be approved by the Independent Certification Officer - who registers new trade unions - before the ballot goes ahead.

Mr David Prendergast, Nottinghamshire financial secretary, said yesterday that there was "absolute confidence" that miners in the three areas would vote by a big majority to establish the UDM. A simple majority is required. COSA, the NUM's 15,000-strong white collar section, and the Leicestershire area, with 2,000 men, have already decided to stay in the national union.

Mr Prendergast predicted that the Nottinghamshire miners would almost certainly exceed the majorities of more than 70 per cent recorded in previous ballots against joining last year's strike and against the controversial new rules adopted by the NUM in July.

The October 18 ballot is being organized by the Electoral Reform Society and the results will not be announced until the following week. The ballot paper will ask for a simple "yes" or "no" to proposed amalgamation of the three areas into the UDM.

Mr Paul Todd, Nottinghamshire area solicitor, said: "The aims and objectives of the new union are to form a democratic national union to embrace all mineworkers. It is hoped that there will be one union for Arthur Scargill and Peter Heathfield and one for the rest." He said the draft rules of the UDM made provision for industrial action, but only in defence of members' interests and not for "extraneous causes".

Mr Todd said there was also provision for a political fund. "It is hardly likely to support the Tory party," he said.

News of the ballot came as the Nottinghamshire area executive met in Sheffield to consider, among other things, disciplinary action against a number of members.

One of the men facing disciplinary action is thought to be Mr Gordon Skinner, a former branch official at Gedling colliery, who is the brother of Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover.

Miners' union lawyers are optimistic that a High Court judge will today hear their move to end the receivership of the union's assets. They had feared that a late change in the membership of the NUM's board of trustees would delay the hearing because legal documents were not in order.

An application for costs by the 16 miners whose action led to the appointment of the receiver is also listed for hearing today. They say that as the union should have had the receiver appointed, it should pay their costs.



The Bishop of Johannesburg, Desmond Tutu, (centre) with the Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Rev Keith Sutton (left) and the Rev Canon Samuel Van Culin, Secretary General of the Anglican Consultative Council after flying into London yesterday.

"I am here, I am very happy to be back in London and looking forward to meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury and some of my other friends," he added.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner is in Britain primarily for a bishop's meeting but is expected to meet the Prime Minister today to discuss developments in South Africa.

Star Chamber set to return

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Cabinet, faced with its toughest battle over public spending for years, will almost certainly agree today to re-establish the Star Chamber committee of ministers in an attempt to finalize next year's Government spending plans.

Mr John MacGregor, senior Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is expected to report that, in spite of detailed talks with ministerial colleagues, Whitehall's spending proposals are about £3 billion above the overall target of £139 billion for 1986/7.

With discussions between the Treasury and the big spending departments having reached a

virtual stalemate, the Cabinet has little option but to resort to the well-tried formula of the Star Chamber, chaired by Lord Whitelaw, deputy Prime Minister.

While Lord Whitelaw and senior colleagues attempt to arbitrate between the conflicting departmental demands, Whitehall sources are predicting that the problems are so acute that they will eventually have to be resolved by Mrs Thatcher.

The Treasury is expected to try to trim the defence and social security budgets for next year. Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, is also likely to face pressure to

Toxteth picks up the pieces as royal visit goes ahead



Princess Anne talking to a student at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine yesterday.

Praise for injured WPC

A young policewoman, on duty for the first time since having a baby was the first victim of Tuesday night's riot in Toxteth.

Woman Police Constable Jean Stewart, aged 28, who has two children, was blinded by fragments of flying glass when a mob hurled missiles at the windscreen of the police van she was driving.

She managed to keep the van under control and sped to safety as the attack continued. Yesterday she was recovering

at home after having fragments of glass removed from her eyes, and is expected to be off work for two weeks.

She said: "I can see all right now but it is very painful. My shoulder was also injured and I have been ordered to rest it." She added: "Anyone would have been frightened in that situation."

Merseyside police chiefs praised her action yesterday saying she reacted calmly and correctly in a tense situation and was very brave.

'Over-reaction' blamed for fuelling riot

By Peter Davenport

Community leaders who worked yesterday to restore calm to the streets of Toxteth in Liverpool after an outbreak of violence, criticized police tactics in handling the disturbances.

They said that the police over-reacted after the initial incidents of disorder to make a "concerted attack" against the whole community.

There was no immediate response from Merseyside police to the allegations, but one officer said that the force did not want to engage in a public exchange of views with local representatives.

The force stood by statements made during the night of disturbances by Mr John Burrow, Deputy Chief Constable.

He said that the initial arrests of four local men, whose court appearance later triggered the troubles, was handled in a sensitive manner in an effort not to provoke a response.

Later officers in riot gear were deployed in sufficient strength to deal with a spate of incidents, but the intention had

been to restore normal foot patrols as soon as possible.

The accusations against the police came in a joint statement yesterday from the Merseyside community relations council and the Liverpool 8 law centre.

They said that the initial protest after the court appearance had been escalated into a serious confrontation by high-profile police tactics which they said, were unnecessary, heavy handed and provocative.

Police said yesterday that there had been a total of 13 arrests, mainly for public order offences, and 18 people were injured. The most serious injury was to a police sergeant who suffered a fractured jaw after being hit by a bottle.

Some black community leaders attributed part of the tension in Toxteth to the continuing dispute over the appointment of a (former London) building surveyor, Mr Sam Bond, as Liverpool City Council's race relations adviser.

The visit to Liverpool by Princess Anne yesterday, during which she visited a sheltered

workshop in Toxteth, went ahead without incident.

Earlier yesterday Liverpool's Anglican Bishop the Rt Rev David Sheppard and the Roman Catholic Archbishop the Most Rev Derek Worlock accepted an invitation to sit-in at a meeting of the city council's finance committee, which voted to seek a meeting with Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment. It will demand resources to prevent the authority's 31,000 workers having to be laid off at the end of the year when the council is expected to run out of money.

A new black organization said yesterday that "community leaders" in Toxteth manipulated tension in the neighbourhood for their own ends.

The group, which supports Mr Bond's appointment, blamed the police for Tuesday night's disturbances.

Mr Eric Gillespie, aged 19, unemployed, of Mill Street, Toxteth, was remanded in custody for a week by Liverpool magistrates accused of burglary

and theft during the disturbances in Toxteth on Tuesday night. The magistrates granted bail to Mr David Mooney, aged 19, unemployed, of Woolfall Crescent, Huyton, who is charged with attempting to wound a police officer and using an offensive weapon, also on Tuesday night. A condition of bail is that Mr Mooney must not visit the Toxteth district.

Two white youths pleaded guilty at Camberwell Magistrates' Court yesterday to burglary during last Saturday's riot in Brixton. Mark O'Brien and Graig Waters, both aged 17, and both living at a bail hostel in Sireatham, were caught with £300 worth of cigarettes. Mr O'Brien was remanded on bail for three weeks and Mr Waters was remanded in custody.

Mr Michael Walters, aged 21, unemployed, of Grayshott Road, Battersea, pleaded guilty to possessing an offensive weapon in Peckham on Tuesday night. He was remanded in custody for three weeks.

Mortgage rate fall predicted

By Richard Thomson

A leading building society predicted yesterday that the cost of home loans could fall by the end of the year.

Mr Bernard Rozier, general manager of Nationwide, said prospective borrowers were having little trouble obtaining home loans. "This might argue for a further reduction in rates before the end of the year," he said. Much would depend on exchange rate movements and government policy.

Hopes of a mortgage rate cut were encouraged by Phillips and Drew, the City stockbroking firm, who said yesterday that bank base rates should fall by around 1.5 per cent points by the year end, from the present level of 11.5 per cent. Most building societies believe that a base rate fall of at least one point would be needed for a cut in mortgage rates of half a point.

Phillips and Drew predicted that mortgage rates would drop from their present level of 12.75 per cent to below 11 per cent by the middle of next year.

"The prospect of a cut in home loan rates was weakened, however, by an unexpectedly poor intake of funds by building societies last month. Net inflows in September were only £500 million, over £200 million less than the industry had hoped, making it harder for societies to meet the unusually strong demand for loans."

This did not necessarily rule out a cut in mortgage rates by some societies, Mr Mark Boleat, deputy secretary-general of the Building Societies Association, said. "If they can afford it some societies may cut their rates earlier than others," he said.

Journalists agree technology deal

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Leaders of the National Union of Journalists yesterday overwhelmingly endorsed a deal with the National Graphical Association on new technology in provincial newspapers.

The agreement, which allows transfer of NGA members to editorial jobs, is also expected to be backed by the association's ruling body on Friday.

All NUS executive members voted for the new accord except for one who abstained.

A further series of meetings is envisaged to iron out the details and deal with newspapers where agreements have already been signed.

Reservations were voiced at yesterday's meeting of journalists' leaders over the pact, which provides for "direct input" to typesetting computers by journalists.

Under the deal, composers whose jobs are rendered defunct by new electronic techniques will be allowed to apply for journalistic jobs. They will become NUJ members and accept the jurisdiction of the journalists' union but will remain members of the NGA and pay their subscriptions to the association only.

Maxwell's retire at 50 plan

Mirror Group Newspaper employees are to be offered retirement at 50 in an attempt to reduce a large surplus on the company's pension fund and to cut the workforce.

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of MGN, made the proposal to the printing unions at a meeting in Bournemouth yesterday, when he also sought agreement for a "contribution holiday" which would allow him to make no contributions to the pension fund until next April.

The company has not put anything into the fund since last April, and such a freeze of MGN contributions would save Mr Maxwell around £12 million, union leaders understand.

It is understood there is a surplus of at least £40 million in the fund.

The unions have submitted counter proposals which Mr Maxwell is examining. These include early retirement, payment of death benefits four times of annual salary, and new definitions of the terms under which benefits are paid.

GEC to shed 1,000 jobs as order is lost

GEC is to cut its workforce by almost 1,000 in the next five months.

The loss to a Swedish firm of a multi-million pound order after the privatization of British Telecom and new technology have been blamed for the redundancies.

GEC's Coventry plant will lose 611 jobs, and 310 will go at Kirkcaldy, Fife. Local councillors in Kirkcaldy are putting pressure on MPs to question why British Telecom is placing orders overseas.

Mr Richard Reynolds, GEC's managing director, said: "We have done all that we can to oppose British Telecom's decision to introduce a foreign system into the British network because we believe it is contrary to the best interests of the UK industry."

Mr Reynolds added that there was no possibility of GEC getting equivalent orders from Sweden, or from many other countries, because of protected markets.

Hydro board is told to sharpen management

Changes in the way the North of Scotland Hydro Electricity Board is run have been recommended by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The commission said yesterday after a six-month investigation into the board's efficiency that, while making 57 detailed recommendations for changes in management practice, it concludes "that the North Board is deserving of its good reputation for running its business well and that given the difficult environmental factors it does a good job."

The commission's main reservation relates to the way in which control is exercised at all levels in organization.

The main recommendation is that the board members should take a more active role in setting strategy and pressing for efficiency improvements and cost reduction and carry out periodic reviews of head office procedures.

Laureate in river pollution protest

The Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, emerged from his rural seclusion yesterday to speak at a public inquiry against a water authority proposal which he claimed would increase pollution in a river.

Mr Hughes, aged 54, whose love for conservation and his adopted north Devon countryside is reflected in many of his poems, lives in the area that provided the inspiration for Henry Williamson's novels, *Tarka the Otter* and *Salar the Salmon*.

He told the inquiry, in Bideford, that a £4.8 million fine screening plant planned by South West Water on the river Torridge near his home would add to heavy sewage pollution, when the otter and salmon were already struggling for survival.

Mr Hughes described the estuary as "appallingly filthy" and said he understood that 75 per cent of holidaymakers using the river for water sports contracted minor ailments.

"It is commonly said in Bideford that every visitor who stays a night in summer has to visit a chemist for some indisposition."

"The local population does not escape either. You don't have to inquire far before you hear of the threat of chest and stomach disorders. This is one way in which the lives of the residents are spoiled," Mr Hughes added.

Forces get new Enfield

The first of a new fully automatic rifle, the Royal Ordnance Enfield, Individual Weapons, was handed over to the British Army at an official ceremony at Enfield north London, yesterday.

More than 400,000 of the 5.56mm weapons will eventually replace the Self-Loading Rifle, Sterling sub-machine-gun and the General-Purpose Machine Guns at a cost of £500 million, including ammunition.

Coma husband to sue hospital

The husband of a woman who has been in a coma for three years is planning to sue a hospital for £500,000.

Mr Sam Sarwar, aged 51, of Wellington Road, Northampton, claims that negligence caused his wife, Rebana, aged 29, to go into a coma after a caesarian operation. He has been demanding a public inquiry and has now taken out a writ against Northampton Area Health Authority.

'Kerry babies' report ready

An Irish High Court judge has completed a report on the "Kerry babies affair" after an official inquiry that involved criticism of police conduct of a murder investigation.

Mr Justice Kevin Lynch will give his findings to the Dublin Government's Justice Minister, Mr Michael Noonan, later this week and the document is scheduled for publication this month.

Hydrofoil death verdict

A coroner in Reading has decided that Mrs Winifred Smith, aged 59, of Ebury, Berkshire, was unlawfully killed by the captain of a hydrofoil, whose vessel crashed with a Russian barge in Vienna two years ago.

Mrs Smith was crushed in the accident, after which the captain was jailed for five years for being criminally negligent. He had drunk three times the drivers' limit of alcohol.

Couple remanded

An East German couple, Reinhard Schulze, and his wife Sonja of Cranford, west London, were remanded in custody until Monday when they appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday charged under the Official Secrets Act.

Bail plea fails

Mr Alex Herbage, the financier, abandoned a high court application for bail yesterday after being told that he would be immediately re-arrested by Scotland Yard's extradition squad if he were freed. He is on remand in Winchester prison facing a charge of falsifying a statement.

Jail apology

The Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, has apologized to Gloucester City Council over the loss of medieval archaeological remains during the redevelopment of the city jail.

Woodlands

Figures of areas of broadleaf woodland quoted in The Times yesterday applied only to scrub with little productive value.

The Times overseas selling prices: Australia \$m 52, Belgium \$m 45, Canada \$m 48, France \$m 45, Germany \$m 45, Hong Kong \$m 45, Italy \$m 45, Japan \$m 45, New Zealand \$m 45, Norway \$m 45, Sweden \$m 45, Switzerland \$m 45, Taiwan \$m 45, USA \$m 45, Yugoslavia \$m 45.

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Rate of serious crime up by 8% after small drop in previous year

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Serious crime rose by 8 per cent in England and Wales last year to reach a total of 3.5 million offences recorded by the police, according to statistics issued yesterday by the Home Office.

The figures represent a large increase from 1983, when the total dropped by 1 per cent and put the crime rate back in line with a trend of annual rises between 1980 and 1983 of an average 8 per cent.

The figures are unwelcome news when the Government is being criticized by the police for refusing to increase manpower or recognize the extra demands created by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. But the rise last year does not approach the increase of up to 15 per cent a year sometimes seen in the past 10 years.

Figures, also issued yesterday, for the second quarter of 1985 hold little promise of improvement. They show an increase in reported crime of 4 per cent over the same three months of last year. Comparing the 12 months to the end of June this year with the same period up to June last year, the increase is 6 per cent.

Previously-issued figures for the first quarter of this year

NOTIFIABLE OFFENCES RECORDED IN 1984	
Burglary in a dwelling	16.6
Burglary in other buildings	12.6
Criminal damage over £20	8.9
Criminal damage £20 and under	3.6
Fraud and forgery	3.3
Violence against the person	3.3
Robbery	0.7
Sexual offences	0.6
Theft from shops	7.1
Theft or unauthorized taking of vehicle	9.9
Theft from a vehicle	13.2
Other theft and handling	18.2
Other offences	0.3

showed an increase of 3 per cent on the corresponding quarter of last year. The increase in the second quarter of 1985 was 7 per cent.

In terms of individual areas of crime the 1984 figures show increases in every one, with the exception of sexual offences, which dropped by 1 per cent, although rape rose by 7 per cent.

The largest increase came in robbery, which rose by 13 per cent; burglary rose by 10 per cent; violence against the person by 6 per cent, including a 13 per cent increase in murder to 621 deaths; theft by 6 per cent and fraud by 4 per cent.

Figures showing the changes during the past 10 years disclose that robbery has increased by more than 11 per cent and burglary by more than 8 per cent.

The figures show that 1.2 million offences were cleared up last year, a 1 per cent increase on the previous year. However, there were increases of 5 per cent in each of the years from 1979 to 1983. In 1980 the number of offences cleared up, as a percentage of the offences recorded, was 40 per cent. Last year the figure was 35 per cent.

Looking at individual offences, there were clear-up rates of almost 100 per cent for handling stolen goods and 86 per cent for thefts from shops, to below 30 per cent for burglaries, robbery and criminal damage.

Criminal Statistics, England and Wales, 1984 (Stationery Office, £12.70).

Spy cameras may be used in town's trouble spots

Police in Wolverhampton may introduce television cameras in town centre streets to pinpoint trouble-makers and criminals. The proposed scheme has been approved by the town's police consultative committee.

Now the West Midlands police authority and the chief constable will be asked to approve the experiment, aimed at catching muggers and teenage gangs who have plagued the town.

Spy in the sky cameras,

similar to those already used in some shopping precincts, will be erected on top of lamp posts in three town centre streets if the scheme is approved.

Facilities could be provided to record muggings and other crimes on video and the cameras would be monitored in the town police control room.

Councillor Derrick Fysh, of the police consultative committee, says the cameras would help police to react more quickly when trouble breaks out in the town.

Man in jail over woman's lies

A woman has admitted that she invented a break-in and burglary, during which she claimed to have been assaulted. As a result of her allegations a man was sentenced to five years in prison.

Miss Anne Fitzpatrick, aged 31, who now lives in California and cannot be extradited, has told the BBC Television series *Rough Justice* that the crime was "a figment of my imagination".

Her supposed attacker, Anthony Mycock, is nearly half-way through his sentence in Durham prison.

Miss Fitzpatrick's confession, and other evidence collected by the programme, have been passed to the Home Office.

Mycock, of Heywood, Greater Manchester, was convicted two years ago of a break-in at the flat which Miss Fitzpatrick shared in Moston.

She claimed that two men took property valued at £600, kicked her pup across the

bedroom, hit her, smothered her with a pillow and trussed her up by her wrists and ankles.

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'Torment' of man who cut up wife

A husband who denies murdering his wife but admits dismembering her body had suffered years of "remorseless grinding down and provocation", his counsel told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Nicholas Boyce, aged 37, an economics graduate, was described by Mr Michael Wolkind, for the defence, as "an exceptionally calm, patient and kind man who finally snapped and lost control", because of his wife Christabel's constant nagging.

Mr Wolkind told the jury: "You may have to overcome revulsion and prejudice with regard to what he did with the body after the killing. It is easy to find the horror in this case, but in my submission it is also very easy to find the defence to a charge of murder."

He asked the jury not to view Mr Boyce, of Roman Road, Bethnal Green, London, as "an evil monster". Mr Boyce denies murdering his wife, a former nanny to Lord Lucan's children.

The court has been told how he cut up her body, boiled, baked and roasted some of the remains to try to avoid identification and dumped them in rubbish bags in different parts of London. He encased the head in concrete and dropped it in the Thames from Hungerford Bridge, Charing Cross.

Mr Wolkind, said Mrs Boyce, a mother of two children, continually insulted and provoked her husband, refused to let him sleep with her and referred to him as the meanest and laziest man in the world. She accused him of sexual perversions. The trial continues today.

Caring father freed after killing son

A young father who killed his son, aged 21 months, in a fit of temper after the child would not stop crying, walked free from a court yesterday.

Adrian Murphy, aged 21, was said to be kind and loving to the boy, but eventually cracked under the pressure of being unemployed and a father at a young age.

Mr Justice Sheldon, sitting at Lincoln Crown Court, put Murphy, of Freeston Street, Cleethorpes, Humberside, on probation for three years, and told him: "I have no doubt that this sort of offence will never be repeated by you."

"It seems to be a wholly exceptional case. Your reputation is of gentleness and of a man who loved his child. You did what you did only in a fit of temper not realizing your own strength."

Murphy admitted the manslaughter of his son, Dean, on March 1 this year.

Mr Peter Morrell, for the prosecution, said: "Dean was born when his mother was still only 16. They were both immature and inadequate and

not fully able to accept the responsibility of parenthood."

"Murphy's mother, a probation officer, did what she could to look after them, and they appeared, to her to be loving and caring parents."

But Murphy was out of work, and his wife, Maria, aged 17, nagged him about money on the night the child died. Murphy put the child to bed but he cried continuously and eventually Murphy hit him two blows on the side of the head with a considerable force, the court was told.

Murphy told police: "I was juggling Dean on my knee. He did not stop crying, and that is when I hit him."

A post-mortem examination showed that death was due to a massive skull injury.

After hitting the child, Murphy picked him up, told him that he was sorry, and put him to bed. The next day, when the child appeared ill, his parents took him to Grimsby District Hospital, where efforts to revive him failed.

Mother's plea to bury son

A judge yesterday granted permission for a mother to seek a High Court order compelling a coroner to hand over the body of her son, aged three, which has been held for a year.

Mrs Nadja Horscroft, aged 31, was said in the High Court in London yesterday, to want the body of her son, Mark, for burial.

Her husband, David Horscroft, a lorry driver, was jailed

for five years at Winchester Crown Court in January for the manslaughter of the boy.

But because the husband had custody of the boy at the time Mr Rodrick Mackean, the Hampshire coroner, refused to release the body to Mrs Horscroft for burial.

Mrs Horscroft said she lost the custody of the boy and another son after she left the family home in Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Roland Rat goes over to BBC

The BBC gained a new superstar yesterday as set alongside Terry Wogan and the cast of *Dallas* - a small grey felt puppet answering to the name of Roland Rat.

The corporation is thought to be paying a six-figure fee for a three-year contract with Roland, a garrulous and immodest rodent whose exploits helped to save the then troubled commercial station TV-am.

Ironically, it was the rodent which became the target of the BBC's wrath when it began to lose the battle for breakfast viewers. A senior corporation publicity executive at the time coined the phrase "this is the first time a rat has come to the aid of a sinking ship".

Mr David Claridge, who created the puppet, was unavailable for comment yesterday, but Roland issued a statement.

"I am an artist of the finest calibre and I realized the BBC

were hard up for any decent stars, so I decided it was my honour and duty to supply the masses with what they were crying out for, namely myself," Roland said in a press release which prompted even the Press Association to issue a snap to its subscribers heralding the switch of channels.

"I met this boring bloke in a suit called the Director General" - which is believed to be a reference to Mr Alasdair Milne - "who agreed to give me, as long as it was kept hush, 10 per cent of the licence fee so naturally I was in like a hot rat. Quite honestly, what with the rubbish they are putting out on the box I can't go wrong, can I?"

Observers have long thought that Roland was destined for the main networks, and at least one ITV company has shown an interest in employing him.

Roland, who is not unfamiliar with hyperbole, said yesterday: "I saved TV-am and

now I am here to save the BBC."

Money matters were kept private, though he said his salary would "make Terry Wogan's pay look like a bag of peanuts".

Appropriately, Roland's first appearance on the BBC was on Mr Wogan's chat show last night.

His last outing on TV-am will be in a series recorded highlights next Sunday. In future, he will be the star of Christmas special and a 13-part situation comedy.

TV-am, which was unaware of the deal until yesterday morning, wished him well: "There are no recriminations."

● The BBC is to sell home video recordings through some branches of Marks & Spencer for £9.99 for a one-hour tape. Titles included are programmes by David Attenborough, royal tours, great sporting moments, Chinese cookery, Wiggles the Pooh, and cartoons.



Presenting a bouquet to the Princess of Wales brought tears before (left) and smiles after Katy Prothero, aged four, of Warringham, Surrey, yesterday, when the Princess visited the Pre-School Playgroup in Sloane Street, London.

£550m is spent on crisps

By Richard Dowden

Britons ate £550 million of crisps last year, nearly 30 per cent more than in 1983, according to figures released yesterday.

The report, by a market analyst, says that we are also eating £100 million of nuts, an 11 per cent increase and £230 million of "savoury snacks", a 39 per cent increase.

"Seventy per cent of all eating occasions are snacks rather than formal meals," the report says. "Twelve per cent of adults claimed to eat crisps every day." Half those asked said they ate crisps at least once a week.

But the report says growing concern about eating too much fat and salt may slow the booming market.

Crisps, Nuts and Savoury Snacks (Mintel Publications, 7 Arundel Street, London WC1R 4DR, £4.25).

Many cold medicines 'useless'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many of the products on which Britons spend more than £100 million a year to combat the common cold are useless, or do more harm than good, the Consumers' Association says today.

None of the chemist's shop medicines for colds, coughs and sore throats can speed recovery from a cold and some may cause unpleasant side effects, the association says in a *Which?* report.

Combination remedies which claim to relieve all cold symptoms are "not a good idea". Often the drugs are in doses too low to be of any use, or they may have contradictory effects - for example, an expectorant to encourage a chesty cough and a suppressant to stop the patient coughing.

Although Britain leads the world in research into the

common cold, there is no single cure and most adults will suffer between one and three colds a year, *Which?* says.

Well-known brands of inhalant can help to clear the nose, but "using plain hot water vapour is no less effective and is certainly cheaper", the report says.

Lozenges and pastilles containing honey, sugar and glycerine, and perhaps a local anaesthetic, may help to ease a sore throat, but so, too, may sucking ordinary sweets or chewing gum.

Some products may help to relieve symptoms, but doctors and pharmacists may recommend even those of unproven benefit because the fact that a patient is taking medicine of some kind will make him or her feel better.

Decongestant sprays and drops can irritate the nose and

most should not be used by people with heart conditions or diabetes. Those containing antihistamines can cause drowsiness.

Cough syrup expectorants can irritate the stomach and lead to retching and vomiting, and there is even a great deal of scepticism about the benefits of vitamin C, the report says.

The association's good news is that about half of the adults in Britain may be immune to any particular cold virus. The bad news is that there are more than 150 different groups of virus which can cause a cold.

The association's advice to sufferers includes: get plenty of rest during the first two days of symptoms, take soluble aspirin, inhale hot water vapour, avoid cigarettes and use a cough suppressant sparingly if the cough keeps you awake at night.

Garage ban on MOT tests urged

All 17,000 official MOT test stations are being urged to refuse to issue certificates until the Department of Transport modifies "impossible" new regulations requiring garages to double the size of existing test bays and provide areas for customers to see work being carried out.

The boycott is the latest move in a campaign organized by *Motor Trader*, the garages' weekly journal. It estimates that more than half the MOT stations are unable to meet the regulations.

The boycott is the idea of Mr W. S. Storrar, director of the Dunblane Motor Company near Stirling in Scotland.

A department spokesman said: "The regulations were introduced because motorists told us they wanted to see the work being carried out in improved conditions."

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Miners debate • Nuclear power • Liverpool • Rural policy

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

Mr Kinnock completed the second half of his task yesterday in appropriately forthright fashion. The danger was that he might follow up his dramatic speech of the day before by being excessively tactical in his response to the debate on the miners. He might then have minimized his differences with Mr Scargill in the hope of winning over the waverers.

But he made no such mistake. Indeed, he launched a stronger attack than ever before upon the leadership of the NUM for their blundering tactics during the strike. It was not such an accomplished speech as the earlier one but it was unequivocal. That was what mattered.

The temptation to equivocate became evident later in the morning when Mr David Blunkett replied to the local government debate. He managed to persuade Mr Derek Hatton, the deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, to withdraw a resolution in response to a proposal from Mr Blunkett that Liverpool should open its books to the leadership of the Labour Parliamentary Party and the National Executive Committee.

Masterly coup, then confusion

As a conference coup it was masterly. Mr Blunkett is a skilled performer. But the effect of this initiative was to leave behind an air of confusion. Once the books have been opened to the national party leadership, will Liverpool City Council find it impossible to resist pressure from the national party leadership for a more realistic policy? Will Mr Hatton and his colleagues no longer be able to go their own way regardless?

Or will the national leadership find itself embroiled in a futile attempt to work out an agreed policy with the very extremists whom Mr Kinnock had condemned so roundly the day before? What is certain is that for the moment at least, Mr Blunkett has muddied the waters. That may tend to weaken the effect of Mr Kinnock's direct assault upon the irresponsibility of the Liverpool leadership, which was the most memorable feature of his earlier speech.

Nonetheless, nobody listening to either of Mr Kinnock's speeches this week could doubt that the battle lines within the party have been drawn or that he himself is now fully committed to the struggle. But equally no observer in Bournemouth this week could doubt that a bitter battle lies ahead.

Courage and conviction

Some right-wingers seem to believe that the influence of the hard left will now wither. That seems to me to be too sanguine. One only had to watch the eagerness of Mr Ron Todd, the leader of the largest union in the country, the Transport and General Workers, to get to the rostrum yesterday morning to declare his support for Mr Scargill, to appreciate the difficulties in store.

Even if the moderate forces re-establish their control of the party, that will not assure an election victory for Labour. But this is a necessary condition if the party is to have a chance, and it cannot be met without a leader who is prepared to stand up to the left.

The best news for Labour this week is that Mr Kinnock is such a leader. One may not always agree with him, but he has shown that he has convictions and the courage to fight for them.

Scargill wins strike cash battle

Reports by Robert Morgan, John Winder, Stephen Goodwin, Howard Underwood and Barbara Day

The National Union of Mineworkers won by 630,000 votes its resolution calling on the next Labour Government to legislate to reimburse the union for monies forfeited in fines and sequestration during the miners' strike. The voting was 3,542,000 votes to 2,912,000, a much smaller majority than had been predicted.

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, moving the composite resolution, said that if it was right for a Conservative Government to introduce retrospective legislation to compensate men who had refused to join a union where a closed shop agreement existed, the Labour Party could give a commitment backing the policy of the Trades Union Congress.

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, replying for the National Executive Committee who wanted the resolution remitted, said that by their own actions the NUM had ensured that they would face crippling damages.

Opening the debate, Mr Scargill said that he was moving the motion against a background of malicious hysteria whipped up by Fleet Street and, sadly, aided and abetted by sections within the Labour Party.

"I feel it is tragic that in 1985 we find ourselves embroiled in a major debate on the issue of retrospective legislation which has already won the support of this party on a previous occasion."

"I want to warn this conference that if at today's debate it fails to support this particular motion it will make an absolute mockery of last year's standing ovations in support of miners, the women's support groups and the historical struggle to save jobs and communities."

He said he was advised that the NEC supported the review of all cases of jailed miners and the reinstatement of dismissed miners. "When we met the party leadership we were told that the real issue, indeed the only issue, was the question of retrospective legislation and the reimbursement of funds confiscated by fines, sequestration and receivership."

"I find that incredible, if for no other reason than in 1982 this party conference, by a majority of 6 million to 66,000, passed a resolution accepting the principle of retrospective legislation to reimburse trade unionists fined in this way."

"Surely if it was right in 1982, it is right in 1985, after the miners have been battered by the Tory Government."

Mr Scargill said: "There is a class issue at stake here. Our union has been hijacked and this movement ignores that it does so at its cost."

"There is nothing peculiar or strange about introducing retrospective legislation. There is nothing peculiar or strange about giving commitment to

the trade union movement who find themselves at the wrong end of Tory legislation, or at the wrong end of laws that are designed clearly to attack the basic democracy of unions. Why is it in 1985 that there is even a debate about this issue? Surely we determine the principle in 1982. Why then in 1985 cannot we reaffirm that position without question?"

"Comrades, in a speech yesterday it was said that principle without power is sterile. As a socialist all my life I also urge that power without principle for socialists is unthinkable. (Loud applause.)"

"During the dispute 11,000 miners were arrested, 7,000 NUM members were injured, 11 people died, including four on picket lines, in the struggle to save jobs, pits and communities," he said.

"These people suffered in that way not because they were some mindless militants but because they were carrying out the policies of the TUC, carrying out the policies of the Labour Party. I ask this party to give its commitment to them as they gave it to you," Mr Scargill said.

Law was used as weapon of State

The motion was seconded by Mr Bob Young of Dunfermline West. A miner who was dismissed. He said: "I have two children and their future is what I fight for and what I work for. I know their future depends on the kind of world they are brought up in."

The miners' strike marked a turning point in British history. "It proved to people you do have an alternative to closures, close-downs and mass unemployment that alternative is to fight for your jobs, fight against closures."

Mr Chris Dodwell, Spelthorne, opposing the resolution, said that the Labour Party must believe in obeying the law. You could not break laws because they were Tory laws, because you could not stop the Tories doing the same.

They had to consider how such a commitment would affect people they needed to vote for them.

"We know there is general opposition to defying the law among the public at large. We know what an electoral gift it would be to our enemies."

Ms Diane Abbot, Westminster North, said that she was there with a clear mandate to support the miners absolutely. A lot would be heard from the platform about the rule of law. Did these people not understand that the law was not used impartially during the miners' strike but as it was used in Ireland and against the black community as a weapon of the state against the working class?

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Scargill, winner by a short head.

cal. Electronic Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, said that the NUM was not financially crippled by Tory industrial legislation but by miners seeking to ignore their own rules. The effect of this motion was to indemnify the NUM leadership and encourage them to disregard the genuine complaints of their members.

There was uproar when Mr Hammond said: "Miners were no more defeated than were their gallant comrades on the Somme. They were lions led by donkeys."

"Trade union leaders are important people, but above all of us is the law and the individual's right to challenge every authority through the law. If we convince British trade unionists that we are prepared to allow trade union bosses to operate without penalty from the law they will rightly reject us," he said.

Mr David Bassett, general secretary of GMBATU, opposing the motion, said that they should forget the excitement for a moment and ask themselves one simple, sober question: "Who will we help if we pass this composite?" (protests). "We will not help the miners. No party before an election, no government after an election, can pledge itself to reimburse a union for unknown amounts for unspecified offences against unidentified laws and pro-

cedures. They cannot, they should not and they would not do that, and the Labour party, if it aspires to office, cannot, should not and will not do that," he said.

"We would be placing a time bomb under the party itself, a bomb timed to go off in the next election in two years' time."

There were loud and prolonged protests when Mr Alan Hadden, the conference chairman, said that the debate was running more than 15 minutes over the time allowed and he would not call any more speakers from the floor. He was shouted down when he said he had tried to balance the debate and, when protests continued, he said he would call one more speaker.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the TGWU, came to the rostrum and declared to loud cheers that he was supporting the composite motion. He did not believe that passing the motion would impair the future of a Labour government.

"I take no joy in standing here and saying different to people on the platform. I want a Labour government. I want a socialist government. But I will not betray the NUM to get it."

I have heard reference this morning to lions being led by donkeys. I am an animal lover and I prefer donkeys to jackals," he said (cheers).

Mr Kinnock who rose to a mixture of booing and applause, said that there were no jackals or donkeys in the movement, only people.

This was a very basic debate for the movement, and one that they had to resolve not only here but in the course of the next two years, at the general election and beyond. They should try to conduct the conference on the basis of fraternity.

He said that the NEC was asking the NUM to remit the resolution on the grounds that the executive supported the first part, referring to a review, and it supported the second part referring to the reinstatement of victimized miners, but it opposed the third part, calling for retrospective reimbursement. (Cries of "shame").

The review would take place in any event. It was a normal part of judicial procedure. Reinstatement should not wait until the next Labour government. The overwhelming majority of those who had not been reinstated were men who had not been found guilty of any crime.

Justice demanded that the efforts which had already gone into trying to secure reinstatement for the victimized miners, many of them successful, must continue now, and if, by the time they got a Labour government at the next general election, there were still men who had not committed any crime and did not merit the punishment of continual unemployment, all pressure and influence would be brought to bear to see they were justly restored to proper status in their jobs, he said.

Mr Scargill had said that reinstatement was a matter of established policy, established presumably in 1982. That resolution was irrelevant to the procedures which had inflicted such damage on the NUM.

The 1982 resolution had not been put in the following election manifesto and no one in the NEC or parliamentary party committee had asked that it should be.

"This is the choice: do we warm ourselves at the glow of fine promises in conference and then hope when we come to make the manifestos that somehow the electorate are going to forget, in the meantime, just as conveniently as people on the NEC and those in the parliamentary party can forget the promises the conference gave them?"

It would be dishonest for the party to give an undertaking that somehow people could come into conflict with the common law, the civil law, or the criminal law, and that security, in the form of a future Labour government, could pick up the tab. That would not happen and anyone who said

that it would, would not convince the British people.

The miners certainly needed help, he said, speaking as the MP for a mining constituency.

The way to help the miners was by getting a Labour government which would give better priority to the industry, giving it proper investment, and, if pits were exhausted, alternative employment. That government would replace the current leader of the coal board.

"If we were ever to endorse the idea of retrospective reimbursement we would, harm our chances because people would be confused about our attitude to the rule of law, and that would give heavy calibre ammunition to our enemies to misrepresent and defame us and demolish the hope the miners have of getting a Labour government," he said (cheers and boos).

He asked conference, to decide the issue on right and wrong: the wrong of making false promises to those who had endured continual suffering and give the impression that they were prepared to extend immunity. That would be to imitate the tactics of the Tories and their corrupt attitude. It was not his socialism.

"Let us now come to the vote. I ask only one thing - as you vote, be sure that you can convincingly justify the way

you vote, not here in the tight comfortable warm circles of the Labour party conference but in the street to your neighbours, at work, wherever you go."

He asked that if the NUM did not agree to remit, the motion should be opposed so that the miners could be helped.

Mr Scargill said that he could not agree to remit, because the arguments of "the platform" were inaccurate. The NUM was in receivership, not because of the 1980, 1982 or 1984 legislation or simply under common law, but of the almighty blunder of the 1974 Labour Government.

Secondly, there was a class issue at stake. At this point he was stopped and the motion was put to a card vote, amid cheers and counter-cheers.

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CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

The walk to the conference was more exhausting than ever. Liverpool - having been plunged into the limelight were loth to leave it; loth to stand aside for the miners' lamp. They manned the barricades to deter delegates with chants through loudspeakers and with newspapers denouncing Kinnock for "doing the Tories' dirty work", and for being "the biggest traitor since Ramsay MacDonald."

They had to let up in the end. We'd all come for the High Noon shoot-out: the gladiatorial contest. What was an odd sort of bullfight. For start there were two matadors. There was matador Kinnock, in a shimmering new red cloak to replace the old one smeared with fudge; and there was matador Scargill, wearing his old cloak. It might be tatty, but the colour was clear enough and anyway he couldn't afford a new one his funds having been taken away.

The rules were odd, too. Matador S got at the bull first but pressed under a handicap: he was allowed only five minutes. Matador K on the other hand got 16 minutes. In between various picadors, supporters of each, got a chance to throw a dart. The spectators were noisy, which is just the kind of behaviour you expect from the ringside.

The umpire got hurt. His name was Alan Hadden and he seemed to be chewing for some of the time - glasses for energy perhaps or tranquillizers? He was allotted the task on the principle of Buggins' turn.

It was not a good advertisement for such a procedure: he lost control of the proceedings several times. There were cries of "get a grip Alan" from various quarters, but he didn't and he let the crowd overwhelm and overrule him.

The contest lasted for one and a half hours and at one point he tried to draw things to a close, but the crowd accused him of bias and bayed for picador Ron Todd to be allowed into the ring and they bayed until they got their way.

At the end Hadden, wanting revenge, got a sidesman to announce that only delegates in the crowd were allowed to vote. He was indeed agreed to heckle, but visitors were not allowed to participate at all. The visitors laughed. By then they had an hour and a half shouting themselves into a frenzy. Umpire Hadden had better retire.

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Hatton backs down for sake of unity

A dramatic last-minute intervention by Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, led to the withdrawal yesterday of a motion pledging industrial action in defence of councillors who had had legal action taken against them. He was responding to an appeal by Mr David Blunkett for the National Executive Committee.

Mr Hatton said that he had made the decision in the interests of unity and to defeat the Tories.

The motion, which he had moved earlier, would have welcomed the stand by Labour local authorities against Tory rate-capping laws and dictatorial measures against local government.

It called on the next Labour government to ensure that local democracy was restored and all cuts in local authority expenditure caused by Tory policies reversed.

It went on: "Any charges of financial penalties against any councillor who have made a stand shall be wiped out", and added that disqualifications from office should be removed. Mr Hatton said that he had come to the conference expect-

ing it to salute the stand taken by the council and its achievements.

In Liverpool, there had been a choice between taking a stand or making 5,000 workers redundant and putting up the rates by 200 per cent. After full consultation with the entire Labour movement in Liverpool, they decided to take a stand.

Mr Blunkett, leader of Sheffield City Council, for the NEC, said that all should join in trying to find a way in which they could support Liverpool in finding a solution. He asked Labour councillors there to open up the books, not to Kenneth Baker or the district auditor, but to the party.

Because he and the NEC believed it would take them forward, he asked for the motion to be withdrawn.

Mr Hatton ran to the rostrum and said: "The answer is quite simple. In order that unity can happen as a result of the conference and to make sure we go out and defeat the Tory party, the answer is 'yes'."

"That is not a victory for Militant. It is a victory for commonsense," Mr Blunkett said.



Mr Slater: "Warrior of the rainbow".

Nuclear power 'no'

A resolution calling for a halt to Britain's nuclear power programme and the phasing out of all existing plants was carried against the advice of the National Executive Committee.

The resolution, passed by 3,902,000 votes to 2,400,000 - a majority of 1,594,000 - also instructs the next Labour Government to fund the desulphurization of coal to solve the acid rain problem.

It advocates more money for research into alternative energy. Mr Michael Mallins, Enfi. of North, moving the fuel motion, said one Sizewell would pay for

the desulphurization fixtures of all coal-fired power stations. "We could stop Sizewell and acid rain at one stroke."

Mr Jim Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, describing himself as "an unashamed warrior of the rainbow", supported the motion. He said it was important to remember that even if it was passed the nuclear industry would not close overnight.

The de-commissioning would create 48,000 tonnes of radioactive waste which would have to be safeguarded for thousands of years.

Move to attract rural voters

Delegates have called on the party to develop and publicize policies attractive to the rural population and on the next Labour Government to reintroduce the rating of Agricultural land and buildings to provide funds to alleviate on rural deprivation. A composite motion was carried overwhelmingly.

Conference also agreed to ask the NEC to draw up a programme for a controlled reduction in intensive farming

and also to start planning a programme of alternative, natural, ecologically acceptable and more humane farming to return more workers to the land.

Mr Jack Boddy, TGWU, agricultural and allied workers section, said in moving the composite resolution that if Labour was to form the next government it must have a policy which would appeal to the rural community and ensure that this policy was publicized as widely and effectively as possible.

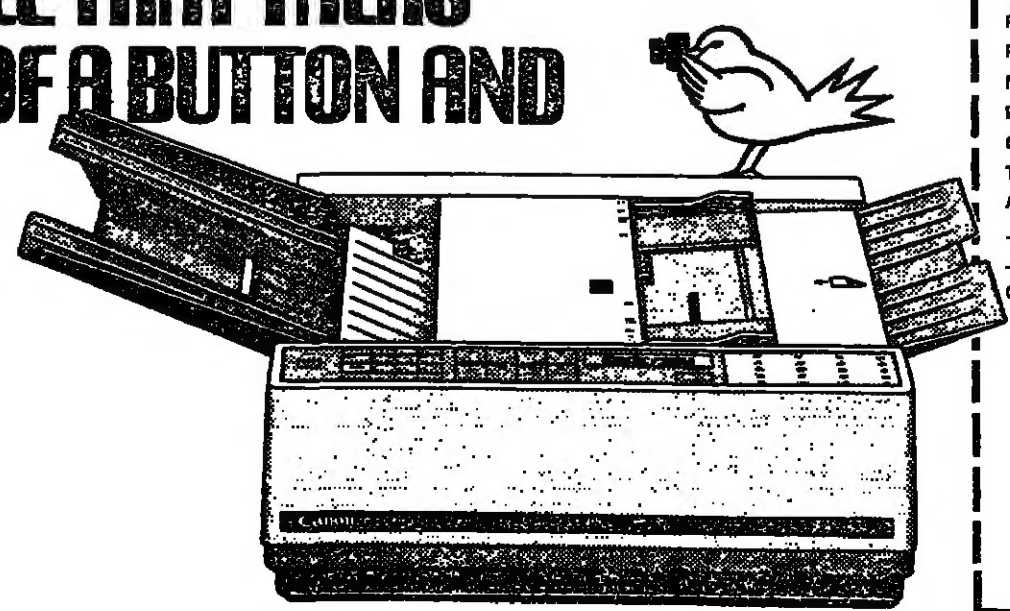
Miss Joan Maynard, MP for Sheffield, Brightside, who replied for the NEC, said in recognizing acceptance of both resolutions that a Bill was needed to bring all agricultural tied cottages into the ownership of the local authorities.

There should be no sale of council houses in rural or any other areas. With too few houses already it was necessary to build more houses to rent. The national executive was in favour of rating agricultural land and buildings.

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Early releases no answer to record prison population, minister says

Britain's prison population is likely to soar again beyond 48,000 by December, the boards of visitors were told yesterday.

The Government, however, is not prepared to impose arbitrary cuts on the prison population as a solution to overcrowding, Lord Glenarthur, a Home Office junior minister, told the boards' annual conference in London.

He said that the Government would not interfere with the sentencing process or resort to executive release - an emergency measure provided by Parliament in 1982.

Prison places would be found for all those sentenced to custody, Lord Glenarthur said. "That is a central plank of our policy."

Prison planning would be based on a return to the August 2 peak of 48,000, "and possibly beyond," he said and emphasised the problems of overcrowding. Nearly 5,000 prisoners were living three to a cell without integral sanitation in cells designed for one prisoner.

Nearly a third of prisoners were housed in Victorian prisons or converted camps, and still had to cope with the degrading daily ritual of slopping-out.

The building programme had

Breakfast time at Pucklechurch remand centre near Bristol turned into a fight which left five prisoner officers injured.

About 40 inmates flung bowls of porridge at each other when prison officers moved in to stop a squabble. Five officers were taken to hospital. One had been knocked unconscious. Four were sent home after treatment.

The governor of the centre is investigating the cause of the incident on Tuesday, which caused prisoners to arrive late for court appearances.

made an impact, but it would be a long time before general living conditions improved. He said that prison officers were overworked with many putting in 20 or 30 hours overtime.

Every hour of overtime cost nearly £6 million in the national prison budget, money that could be spent on improving conditions.

The Government had pressed ahead with a long-term prison building programme, the largest this century.

Lord Glenarthur said that it included 16 new prisons, 14 of which were due to open by 1991. Overall, the programme

would provide about 11,700 extra places, and offered the possibility of an end to overcrowding by about the end of this decade, he said. The minister also spoke about the need to improve prison conditions for female prisoners, particularly in mother-and-baby units and psychiatric wings.

The average number of women and girls in custody in England and Wales in 1984 was just under 1,500 less than 5 per cent of the total prison population.

Mr Frank Harris, a magistrate and chairman of the Board of Visitors for Reading prison, said yesterday that the prison had to cope with a surging population of 306 when it had facilities for only 177 prisoners and a 30 per cent shortage of prison officers.

Mr Bob Minto, a magistrate and chairman of the Board of Visitors for Winchester prison, said that the prison had 650 adult prisoners when it should only have 440. He was particularly worried about the overcrowding of young offenders in the remand centre at Winchester.

Both men welcomed the Government's attempts to improve conditions.

Mr Douglas Hurd, has his first meeting yesterday with the Prison Officers' Association to discuss overcrowding and other matters facing overworked staff.

Clubs bring hope for long-term unemployed

By Michael Horsnell

Tim Schroder, aged 22, a shy young man from Chingford in east London, had been unemployed for three years when he joined the Manpower Services Commission's revolutionary new "jobclub" at the Jobcentre in Walthamstow near by.

At first he sheltered in a corner of the club's second-floor office as he found it difficult to communicate with other long-term unemployed.

But after a few days he overcame his diffidence and volunteered to play the part of a supermarket personnel officer at mock interviews. Then he reversed roles to apply for a "job" himself.

Mr Schroder has no educational qualifications but has used his new skills and learnt to make use of the free telephone, stationery, photocopying facilities and advice at the jobclub.

On Monday he will start work at a supermarket as a general assistant on £7.7 a week, his job hunt now over.

His success is regarded by the Walthamstow jobclub, set up in January as one of the MSC's three prototype centres to help the long-term unemployed, as one of its greatest achievements. Of the 93 men and women who have joined the club 74 are working.

The success of the centres at Walthamstow, Durham and Middlesbrough has led Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster-



Miss Janice Crosswell (centre) leader of Walthamstow jobclub, which is helping to find work for some of east London's unemployed (Photograph: Steve Blogg).

General, to announce this week that a chain of 200 jobclubs will be established throughout the country by the end of next year. The measure, initiated by Lord Young of Graffham who took over as Secretary of State for Employment in the recent Cabinet reshuffle, will be based on existing Jobcentres and funded by the MSC budget of £134 million for such centres.

Treatment of immigrants at airports to improve

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Criticism of the treatment of immigrants at British airports has prompted the Government to promise urgent action to improve the overcrowded facilities.

It has agreed to the Home Affairs Select Committee's demand for better detention facilities at Heathrow to be treated as "a priority matter". Ways of providing more space for immigrants at Heathrow and Gatwick will also be considered.

But the Government did not accept all the recommendations of the backbench committee. It rejected a call for a code of practice on the way those trying to bring friends and relatives into Britain were questioned.

The committee was told of "aggressive questioning" and "repetitive interviews" of those sponsors. The UK Immigration Advisory Service said a common complaint was that sponsors were "made to feel like criminals."

But the Government conceded: "Sponsors legitimately in the UK should not be questioned in such a way as to make them feel that doubt is being cast on their right to be in the country."

The way confessions were obtained from illegal immigrants was also criticized by the committee. The Government agreed to a review, while pointing out that changes could prolong an interview.

Home prices rise by 3% in busier market

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

House prices increased by an average of 3 per cent in England and Wales during the third quarter of the year, according to a survey by the Financial Weekly and Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, published today.

Activity in the housing market has in general increased during the quarter. However, lower interest rates and greater stability have encouraged more sellers to come on the market, and this has held down the rate of price increases.

The 3 per cent increase compares with increases of 2.1 per cent and 2.2 per cent recorded for the first two quarters, and survey shows that house prices are now 8.7 per cent above the level of a year ago.

Increases during the third quarter were greatest in the South-east (3.6 per cent), the West (3.5 per cent) and the Midlands (3.2 per cent), while there was much less activity in the North-west (1.7 per cent) particularly in urban areas where the recession continues.

Saxon find

Builders have unearthed the skeletons of three Saxon warriors, believed to be 1,400 years old, in the garden of a house at Brighton, Sussex.

Solicitors shun new prosecution service

Prosecuting solicitors are refusing to co-operate with the Director of Public Prosecutions over their transfer to the new Crown prosecution service.

Unhappy at the alleged lack of consultation over the transfer, 100 delegates representing 31 branches of Nalco, the prosecuting solicitors' negotiating body, voted at a national delegate conference in London yesterday for a policy of non-cooperation.

The solicitors hope the move will slow down the proposed transfer and force the DPP to seek their views.

They fear the transfer will damage their career structure, lead to lower salaries and mean a lower calibre of recruit into the service. Solicitors are understood to be leaving the service already.

It was decided at the conference that Nalco, which represents more than half of the 1,500 solicitors working in the

service, should seek a meeting with the Home Secretary to discuss the matter.

The transfer, proposed under the Prosecution of Offenders Act, 1985, is due to be complete in the metropolitan authorities by next April and in the non-metropolitan authorities six months later.

Interviews for the new posts are expected to start within the next three months.

In announcing the solicitors' decision not to co-operate with the DPP, Mr Keith Sonnet, Nalco's national local government officer, said: "Our members are rightly concerned about their future employment and career prospects. It is up to the Government to come forward and start serious negotiations."

The solicitors, at present employed by county councils or police authorities, will become Civil Servants under the new service and will be transferred to a national pay scale instead of the present local ones.

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Productivity is increased

Annual Review

There were real grounds for believing that there had been an increase in productivity in the disposal of appeals by the Court of Appeal during 1984-85, although the increase in the rate at which appeals had been set down meant that it had not been possible to reduce the stock of appeals or the average waiting time. More selective listing had enabled really urgent appeals to be heard more quickly.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said on October 2, when sitting with Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, he delivered a review of the legal year 1984-85.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the good news was that during the year the judges of the court were able to hear and dispose of some 1,123 appeals as compared with 1,001 in 1983-84. Such an increase could be due to a variation in the mix of appeals - disposing of a larger number of short appeals rather than a smaller number of long appeals - but that did not appear to be the case.

In general those types of appeal which could be heard by a three-judge court took considerably longer to hear than those which could be heard by a two-judge court. If the explanation was solely, or even largely, such a change of mix, one would have expected the increase to show up wholly or mainly in the disposal rate for two-judge appeals. That was not in fact the case.

There had been a significantly larger increase in the disposal rate in the case of three-judge appeals (319 in 1983-84 and 391 in 1984-85, a 22.57 per cent increase). By contrast the increase in the case of two-judge appeals (662 in 1983-84 and 732 in 1984-85) had been only 10.57 per cent.

Those figures gave real grounds for believing that there had been an increase in productivity. Improved disposal rates were dependent upon a number of factors, not least the careful preparation of appeals, efficient listing by the Civil Appeals Office and economy of time in argument. In the light of the results, all concerned had real cause to feel encouraged.

Other things being equal, that increase in productivity should have resulted in a reduction in the stock of appeals awaiting hearing, although there would always be a number of appeals which were not yet ready to be heard. Dismissals by consent - the other principal method of disposing of appeals - had indeed remained more or less equal, looked at overall - 405 in 1983-84 and 424 in 1984-85.

Unfortunately, the rate at which appeals had been set down had increased significantly (1437 in 1983-84 and 1570 in 1984-85). That was surprising in that there had been no corresponding increase in the number of judgments available to be appealed.

That increased set down rate had inevitably created the stock of appeals, namely, that the stock of appeals had not been significantly reduced during the year (982 at the end of September 1984 and 945 at the end of last month). Equally inevitably, it had not

been possible to reduce the average waiting periods for appeals, although more selective listing had enabled really urgent appeals to be heard more quickly than heretofore and had also produced a reduction in the number of appeals which were not disposed of within 18 months of being instituted (76 in September 1984 and 42 in September 1985, half of which had early hearing dates).

A review of the much wider range of statistical information now being provided by the microcomputer, which had come into operation during the year, had drawn attention to the relatively low rate of success in appeals. As many as 76 per cent of all appeals were dismissed.

Even if some dismissals by consent concealed a contractual concession favourable to the appellant, that was a very high proportion. It was not a new phenomenon, but it was one to which the attention of prospective appellants and their advisers should be drawn.

The picture was fairly constant, with the exception of appeals from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court where the failure rate was as high as 89 per cent.

In the circumstances, the figures suggested that too many appeals were being brought which, viewed objectively, were foredoomed to failure.

In the context of the legally aided appellant, there was a special problem. In so far as he was insulated from the financial consequences of his appeal being unsuccessful, he would, very naturally, be all the more willing to appeal and to seek to persuade his professional advisers to recommend the adoption of this course. What had he to lose?

But it was at that point that his professional advisers must always remember their independent duty to the Legal Aid Fund, which had to foot the bill, but whose administrators had to rely largely upon their advice, having little knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the appeal.

Accordingly it was for those advisers, and particularly counsel, to satisfy themselves fully before advising that it was reasonable for an appeal to be brought.

Cases occurred in which appellants failed to comply with the obligation to lodge the appropriate documents with the Civil Appeals Office in accordance with Order 59, rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Warning letters were then sent out and, if they were not heeded, the appeal was listed for the appellant to show cause why it should not be dismissed summarily.

Where there was a solicitor on the record on behalf of the appellant, the court was entitled to expect him, as an officer of the court, to comply with the rule, if necessary applying for an extension of time, or to inform the Civil Appeals Office that he had no instructions to proceed with the appeal.

It had been suggested that some solicitors had thought that they could properly take no action and allow the appeal to be dismissed by default. The warning letter was being re-drafted.



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Bombing of PLO nerve centre

Wave of anti-US sentiment sweeps through Arab world

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

A wave of anti-American sentiment is sweeping through the Arab world in the aftermath of Israel's air raid on the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) headquarters in Tunis. Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, accused the United States of "complicity" in the attack, adding that Palestinians would strike back against Israel's "official terrorism".

Within hours of Mr Arafat's remarks, made on Italian television, further condemnation of the air raid came from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey and even the leader of Tunisia's own small Jewish community.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia referred in a telegram to Mr Arafat to Israel's "treacherous aggression" but in semi-government newspapers in the Gulf it was America that took most of the blame. The statement by the US Administration that the raid was "a legitimate response" to the murder of three Israelis in Cyprus last week was held up by a Kuwaiti paper as "explicit and unmistakable proof" of America's involvement.

The mildest criticism has come from Jordan which has always felt vulnerable to this kind of Israeli air strike. Many Jordanians will have worked out an important equation, if the Israelis can attack a PLO office in Tunis with impunity, it would be even easier to stage an identical raid on a PLO building in Amman.

Arab newspapers manifested a feeling of betrayal by the United States at a moment

Israel on diplomatic offensive

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Israeli inner cabinet yesterday decided to launch a diplomatic offensive aimed at proving it was necessary to bomb the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunisia. The chief targets for this campaign will be EEC capitals, because the Israeli Government believes Community foreign ministers were too hasty in condemning the bombing.

The Government has issued an eight-point memorandum explaining why it believes the raid was necessary and pointing out that the bombed headquarters "was established with the encouragement and under the protection of the Tunisian authorities".

It says the area which was hit had been under "complete extra-territorial terrorist control".

The memorandum also lists "notorious attacks which were planned and carried out" by Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, from the headquarters. These include an attempted attack on the Israeli army headquarters in Tel Aviv last April, a car bomb in the centre of Jerusalem in August, a series of explosive charges left at bus stations and soldiers' barracks as well as the shooting of three Israelis in Larnaca last week.

The only member of the inner cabinet to vote against the raid was Mr Ezer Weizman, whose tiny group is allied to the Labour Party. He argued that the only result would be to freeze the peace process and it would therefore play into the hands of the main Labour opponents, the Likud. Mr Weizman, who had also voted against the invasion of Lebanon, said yesterday: "I very much hope I will be proven wrong."



Mr Yasser Arafat, PLO chairman, surveying the wreckage yesterday.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said categorically that the US Administration had been told of the raid only after it had happened.

However, a report in one newspaper, *Yedio Aharonot*, yesterday pointed out that it was highly unlikely that the advanced monitoring equipment on the American Sixth

Fleet would have failed to notice the Israeli squadron during its long journey across the Mediterranean to Tunis.

Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic Party leader, met Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister and Mr Weizman during the day. He said afterwards: "I believe that it is right to deplore the outrageous attacks on Israeli citizens and just as right to deplore the raid on Tunisia. I can understand why it was done but it is a question of judgment as to whether it will help the peace process."

"I think it would have been better to have dealt with these people in Cyprus and not to have taken it into a peaceful, moderate, country like Tunisia."



Tunisian soldiers guarding the ruins of the PLO headquarters in Tunis yesterday after Tuesday's raid by Israel.

Mexico hit by 'war neurosis' after quake

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Psychiatrists are among the few likely beneficiaries of the Mexico City earthquake catastrophe. The discovery that earthquakes can, and do, strike twice, and the fear, therefore, that they could strike yet again, has left many of the 18 million population in a hypersensitive, traumatized state.

Among those survivors physically intact, the sustained stress and claustrophobia they endured - some up to a week - promises to have a severe psychological impact.

Less dramatic, but more widespread, is what an American medical expert defined as "post traumatic stress disorder", an inordinate jumpiness, a propensity to be alarmed at the slightest shock or surprise.

A university lecturer in psychology said a state of "war neurosis" had set in among the population, as if Mexico City had been victim to an air bombardment.

Possibly the most remarkable psychological, or para-psychological, phenomenon of all was reported at a psychiatric hospital the night before the first earthquake. That night not one of the inmates slept. All, according to a psychiatrist who works there, were in a desperate, restless state, some crying, some moaning.

Reagan and Shultz differ over Tunis retaliation

From Michael Binyon, Washington

After President Reagan's forthright defence of the Israeli attack on the Palestine Liberation Organization's headquarters in Tunis as a "legitimate response", the United States has warned its embassies around the world to be on high alert for possible terrorist attacks.

The President's insistence that the raid was consistent with American policy of striking back at known terrorists has inflamed opinion in the Arab world, and may further delay the halting steps towards peace being taken by King Hussein of Jordan.

The King, who had been reassuring congressmen that Jordan recognized Israel's right to exist, strongly condemned the Tunis attack and said its aim was to weaken "this last chance to establish peace".

The White House statement was in stark contrast to the initial reaction of Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State. "We deplore acts of violence in this region, including this act. We need to be clear in our opposition to the acts of violence from whatever quarter they come, and without respect

to the presumed rationale for them", he said.

Speaking to ministers of six Gulf states at the UN he added: "I fear that what we see always is, in a sense, a contest between the people who want to move toward peace and the people who are afraid of it". He said the US had not been consulted beforehand.

The White House decision to defend the raid was made after considerable discussion here. Many in the State Department, recalling President Reagan's assurance to President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia in June that the US was committed to the sanctity of Tunisian territorial integrity, were pressing for a more even-handed reaction, condemning all violence.

But the White House, with an eye to domestic opinion, clearly wanted to uphold the principle of retaliation, leaving open the option of similar action by the US.

King Hussein, who has been lobbying a reluctant Congress for a \$1,500 million (£1,060 million) arms sale, insisted on Tuesday that he would continue efforts to negotiate directly with the Israelis in tandem with a Palestinian group.

Parents find accused Briton unrepentant

From Our Correspondent, Nicosia

Ian Michael Davison, the Briton held in Cyprus for the killing of three middle-aged Israelis last week, told his parents yesterday that he acted "as an idealist... for his heart" on behalf of Palestinians.

But his parents, who saw their son in Nicosia prison yesterday, said later that they did not know for which Palestinian group he had been working.

Samuel and Marjorie Davison found their son apparently without remorse. "He's done what he's done and he hasn't got no shame or anything," his father said later. "It's his view, what he's done is for the people he's been with. He's happy in his mind and his heart." His son realized the trouble he had fallen into, Mr Davison said. "This is the price he's had to pay for what he's been involved in... that's his belief."

Mrs Davison said she had last seen her son two-and-a-half years ago when he left home to hitch-hike around the world "with £10 in his pocket". After joining Mr Yasser Arafat's PLO guerrillas in Lebanon, he was evacuated with them to Yemen. The PLO has denied any

involvement in the killing of the three Israelis on their yacht in Larnaca harbour, murders which prompted the Israeli air raid on Mr Arafat's headquarters in Tunis on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Davison took coffee with their son during their visit to him in the Nicosia central prison. They met him in a small yard inside the jail. "He came out smiling, laughing and happy," Mrs Davison said. Her son greeted her with the words: "Hallo... mother, you look ancient."

Ian Davison, who is expected to be formally charged with premeditated murder after another court appearance in Cyprus on Friday, has asked his mother to bring him three toothbrushes, one for himself and the others for the two Palestinians arrested with him after the shooting.

Of the Larnaca incident, Mrs Davison expressed her sympathy for the family of the dead Israeli woman, her husband and their friend. "On the other hand," she said, "perhaps it could have been my son. I mean... we've lost a son, because he'll never come home."

Brilliant Kasparov win

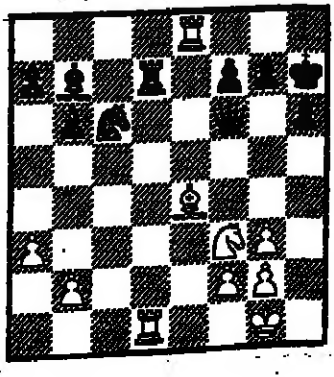
By Raymond Keene

Gary Kasparov, the challenger, defeated Anatoly Karpov with a brilliant queen sacrifice in the 11th game of the world chess championship in Moscow on Tuesday.

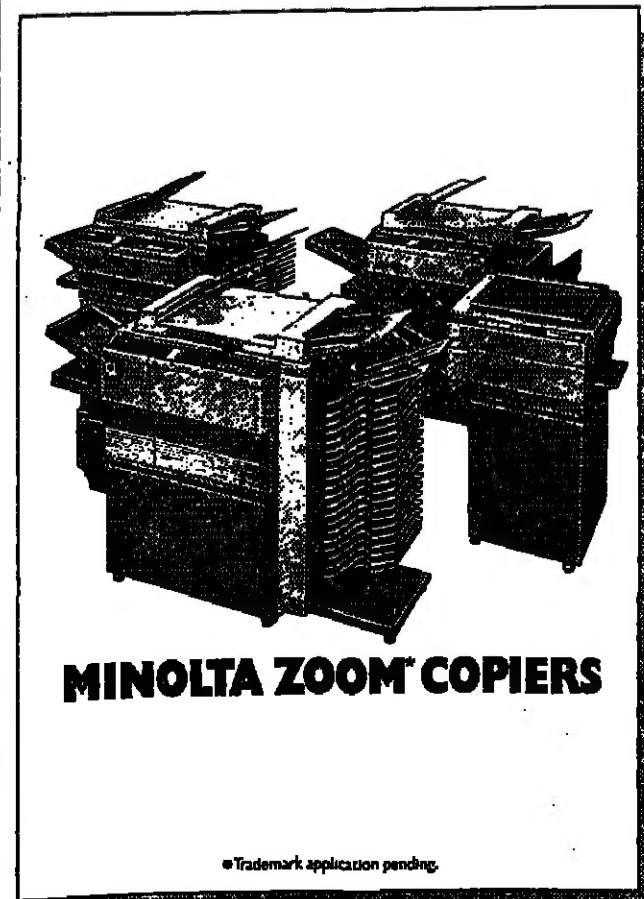
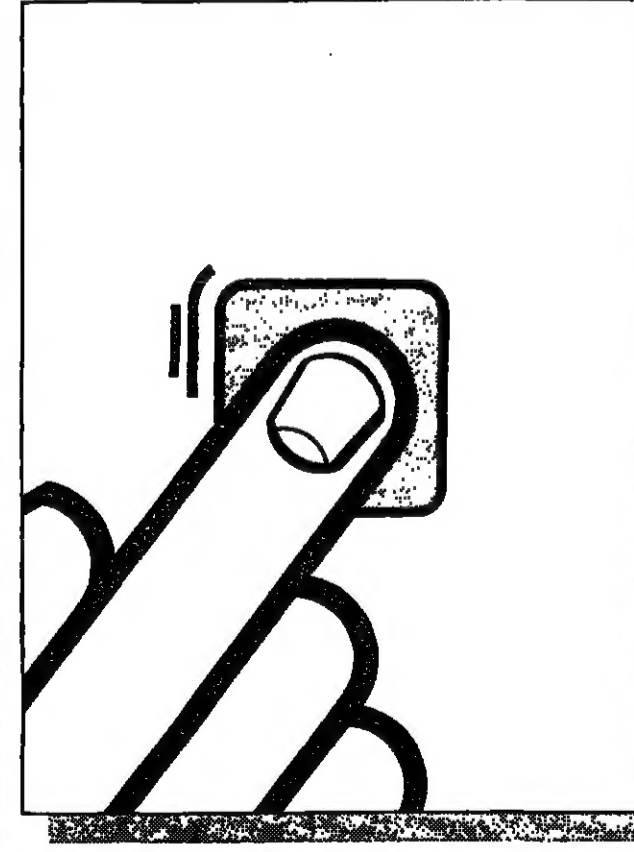
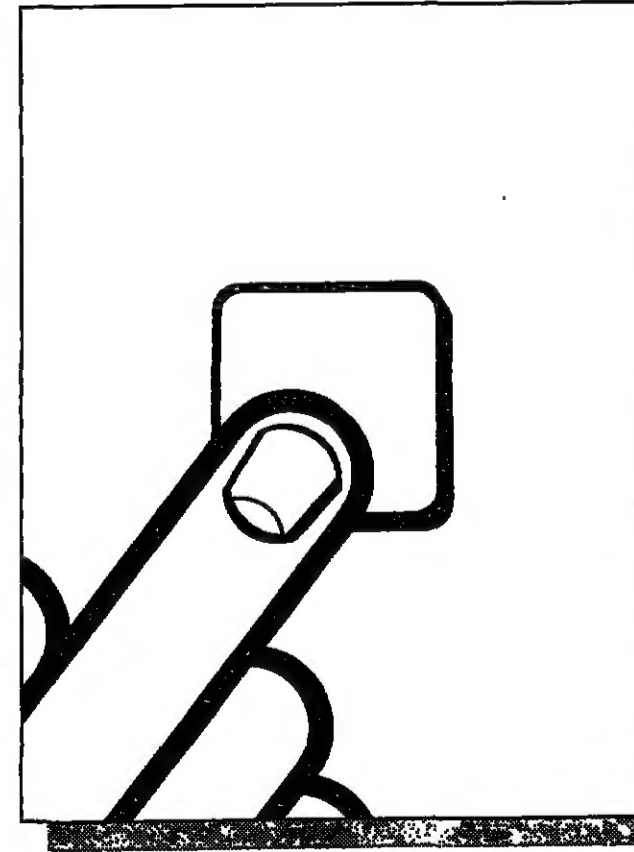
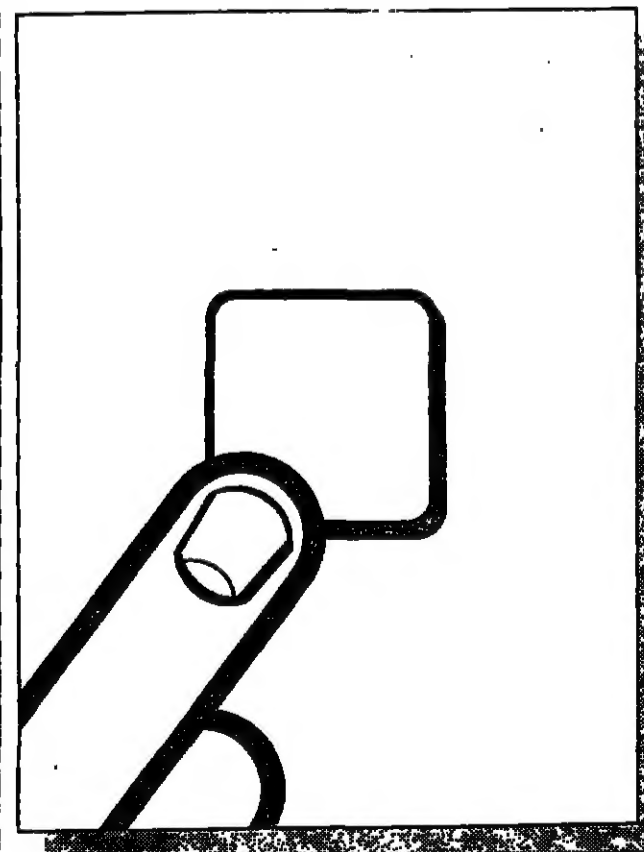
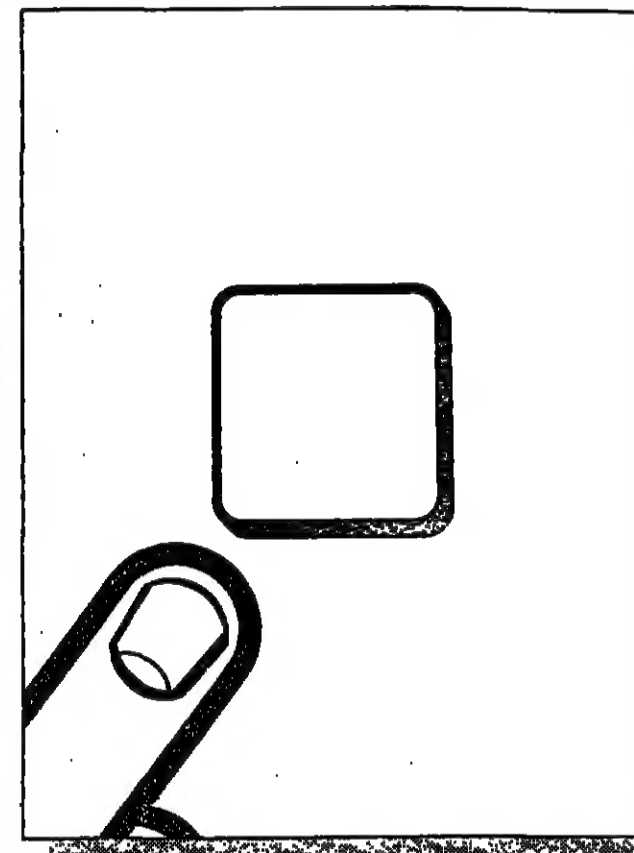
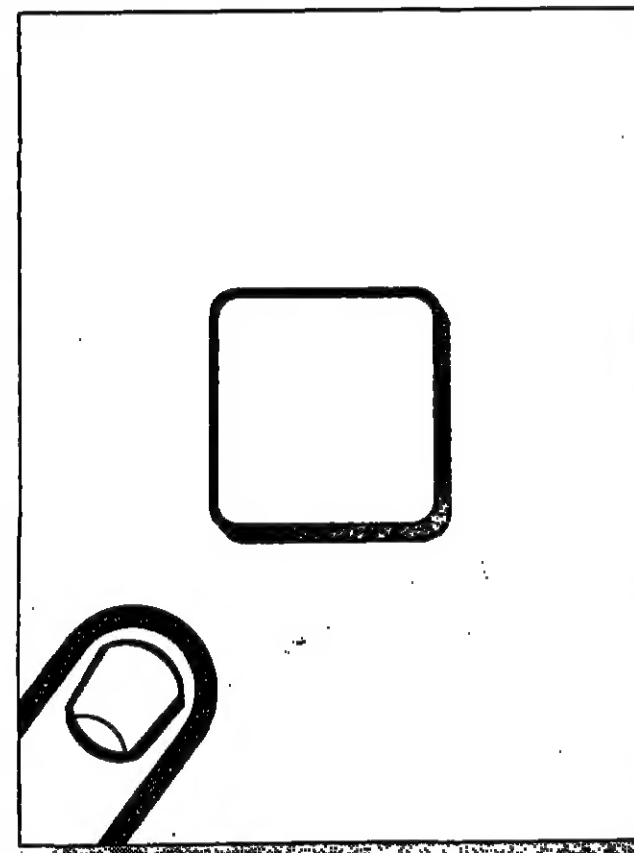
Eleventh game
White Kasparov, Black Karpov

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7 P-P	P-K73	8 P-B4	P-Q4
9 B-B1	P-P	10 P-K3	N-B3
11 O-O	B-N2	12 P-K1	P-QB3
13 P-QB3	B-N2	14 B-KB3	B-B1
15 B-B2	B-N2	16 P-Q3	P-N
17 N-B3	B-N2	18 P-Q3	P-N
19 B-B2	B-N2	20 O-O	KY-Q1
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Defiant Botha assures party that race areas law will not be ditched

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

The Group Areas Act, one of the basic tenets of apartheid as yet untouched by South Africa's hesitant programme of reform, will not be ditched, President Botha said yesterday.

However, the President's Council, the Government's top advisory body, has been asked to look into it and recommend how its application can be improved administratively.

Mr Botha told the Cape congress to the National Party in Port Elizabeth that where blacks moved into residential areas in the US and Britain whites simply moved out "and in Britain and Birmingham they have another way of doing things".

The Group Areas Act strictly demarcates the zones in which whites and people of any other hue may live, but in practice its application is being enforced less severely in urban high-rise areas such as in Johannesburg, where an increasing number of middle-class blacks, Coloureds and Indians have rented apartments in hitherto white-only blocks.

The situation, however, is open to corruption by landlords who can demand premiums for keeping quiet, and at any time the police can raid an apartment block and arrest people living there in defiance of the law.

Mr Botha intervened yesterday in a debate about the Act

Direct US aid for Unita proposed

Washington (Reuters) - Representative Claude Pepper introduced legislation yesterday to give anti-communist rebels in Angola direct US aid for the first time in a decade. The Florida Democrat filed a bill to provide \$27 million in so-called "non-lethal" aid to the rebel group known as Unita, a spokesman for the congressman said.

He said the Mixed Marriages Act and the section of the Immorality Act which barred sexual relations between blacks and whites were repealed because they were discriminatory, but the Group Areas Act was not in the same category.

"If other population groups have rights and a rightful claim to humanitarian treatment then I say that the whites, who in turn have their own minority groups, are also entitled to justice and to live as citizens of the country in the manner they choose."

Speakers on the floor had argued that if the Group Areas Act were scrapped the next step would be open schools in white

areas. At present many well-to-do blacks send their children to mixed private schools, but are debarred from sending them to white schools run by the Government.

Mr Botha said: "While I support equal educational opportunities for all, I say that the white child is also entitled to have his education within his own cultural surroundings."

NEW YORK: The New York Times said yesterday that President Botha was a "semantic trickster" trying to reconcile the contradictions of apartheid (Reuters reports).

"With one breath, Mr Botha describes black South Africans as a welter of distinctive tribes and cultures. In the next, he calls them a single group that threatens to dominate the white minority," the paper said in an editorial.

It said Mr Botha would now impose new political limitations on blacks needed to work in towns, without abandoning the practice of sending other blacks to barren "homelands".

A headline on Tuesday's front page of The Times was headed "Votes for all rejected by Botha". In fact in his speech President Botha said he and his party were committed to one citizenship and a universal franchise but said this was not the same as "one man one vote in a unitary state".

Gorbachov confidence impresses TV viewers

From Richard Owen
Moscow

It was the first time Russians had seen a Soviet leader under pressure from Western journalists, and most viewers of Mr Gorbachov's interview with French television on Tuesday night were impressed by his cool confidence.

It is unlikely to spill over into Soviet broadcasting, where the interviewing style is not so much deferential as an extension of official Kremlin policy. But there was no attempt to censor the interview, and Russians saw exactly the same broadcast as French television viewers.

There was more than a mild frisson when the names of prominent Russian dissidents such as Andrei Sakharov and Anatoly Shcharansky were uttered, and astonishment when M Yves Mourousi dared to ask if it were true that Russia had four million political prisoners. "They've gone too far now," Soviet viewers said with a sharp intake of breath, and there was approval when Mr Gorbachov dismissed the question as "absurd".

Most Russians after all prefer not to think about it. Mr Gorbachov's replies tended to be general and platitudinous ("Every state has its interests... one has to deal with realities... we want to improve relations"). But for Russians, conscious of the painful impression made by Russia's last three geriatric



Mr Gorbachov with President Mitterrand during welcome ceremonies for the Soviet leader on his arrival yesterday in Paris on an official visit to France.

leaders, Mr Gorbachov showed mastery of detail, neatly turning aside awkward questions.

And there was irony, as for example when he berated the Americans for not being able to wait 10 minutes before breaking the confidentiality of the Geneva talks.

Moscow Jews found Mr Gorbachov's claim that the

Jewish population of Russia enjoyed unparalleled political and other rights laughable, and intellectuals were disappointed by his stock response to human rights allegations. The Soviet leader claimed that Shcharansky and Sakharov had merely broken Soviet laws, and argued that the fact that the Supreme Soviet was full of

deputies of worker and peasant origin showed the extent of Soviet democracy.

Ordinary Russians loved it, and reading it again in Pravda yesterday morning, spread over two pages, were still impressed by a man who could put French journalists in their place, quote Voltaire at them and use the phrase *a priori*.

Good grief: Charlie Brown is 35

San Francisco (AFP) - Charlie Brown, the unassuming hero of the Peanuts comic strip, and the rest of his gang celebrated their thirty-fifth birthday yesterday, though fame and fortune have not changed them much.

The Peanuts kids and pets are still pretty much the way they were when cartoonist Charles Schultz created them on October 2, 1950.

Snoopy, Charlie's pet beagle, is still the dreamer-lounging on top of his kennel. Lucy is still her sarcastic and precocious self, and Linus is ever the philosopher tugging around his security blanket.

"Thirty-five years really is not that long in the comic strip business," insists Mr Schultz, aged 62, who lives in Santa Rosa, north of San Francisco.

"They frequently last 40, 50 and even 60 years. There is something wrong with a comic strip that doesn't last 10 years," he said.

Despite the success that has turned Peanuts into one of the world's best-known comic strips and a huge money-spinner, Mr Schultz says he continues to work seven hours a day and live an "absurdly simple life". However, now he says: "I can go over to the bookstore and buy all the books I want and not worry about how much they cost, or I can go to an ice cream shop and not worry that it costs \$1.35 (95p) a cup."

When it started, the comic strip appeared in only seven newspapers. Today, more than 100 million readers follow the antics of the Peanuts gang in 2,040 daily newspapers around the world.

It heads the category in the Guinness Book of Records for the largest circulation of any comic strip.

Mr Schultz attributes this success to his characters' broad appeal. "Everyone can see themselves somewhere in the Peanuts gang."



Charlie Brown: an unassuming hero

TV crew barred from Mururoa

Wellington (Reuters) - French naval forces yesterday blocked a French television crew from joining the protest tug Greenpeace before it reached France's South Pacific nuclear test site, Greenpeace protesters said.

Mr Peter Wilcox, the radio operator on the protest yacht Vega, said that a French corvette shadowing the Greenpeace blocked the Gamma organization crew from boarding the ship in the Marquesas, the northern-most island chain in French Polynesia. There had been no violence.

Mr Wilcox said the corvette had positioned itself between the tug and the island of Eiao, and would not allow contact between the Greenpeace and shore. A small boat ferrying the film crew was turned back, he said.

The French have imposed a 12-mile exclusion zone around Mururoa Atoll and have said violation will be met by force if necessary.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, yesterday denied a West German report quoting him as saying that President Mitterrand of France should resign if he had prior knowledge of the Paris-ordered sinking of the protest ship Rainbow Warrior.

Mr Lange said that the report in the magazine Stern was nonsense. PARIS: The French Defence Minister, M Paul Quilès told parliament yesterday that he would go shortly to the Mururoa Atoll test site to witness a nuclear test (AP reports).

Six die in holiday bus crash

Ankara (AP) - Six West European tourists were killed and 25 others were injured when a passenger bus drove off the road and crashed near the eastern Turkish city of Adiyama, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The agency said the accident occurred on Tuesday evening. The bus was carrying 39 tourists from West Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. One of the dead was a West German, an embassy spokesman said.

The Istanbul daily Milliyet reported that 13 of the injured were in serious condition and were taken to the Dicle University Hospital in Diyarbakir near the crash site.

Irish welcome for envoy

Dublin - Irish reaction is likely to be favourable to the appointment of Mrs Margaret Heckler as the next American Ambassador in Dublin.

Despite press reports of her reluctance to give up Cabinet post as Secretary for Health and Human Services in the Reagan Administration, a senior Irish Foreign Affairs official said: "We are talking here about a Washington heavyweight coming to Dublin." Mrs Heckler, aged 54, is a second generation Irish-American.

Faulty valve

Paris (Reuters) - A faulty hydrogen valve was responsible for the failure of the Ariane European satellite launcher last month, which was destroyed 10 minutes after its launch, an inquiry set up by the space group reported.

Random shot

San Diego (AP) - A 12-year-old girl doing her homework was shot and killed by a woman who became enraged over a lost newspaper, police said. Regina Taylor, 23, was arrested in connection with the murder.

Bomb victim

Rome (AP) - Signora Raffaella Leopardo, an Italian woman injured in the recent terrorist bombing of the British Airways office here died on Tuesday night, officials said.

Treasure find

Peking (AP) - More than 10,000 Chinese coins, some as old as 2,000 years, have been found in a rubbish tip in Inner Mongolia, the official news agency Xinhua reported.

Hunt for ex-CIA man named by defector

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Federal authorities are reported to be searching for a former officer of the Central Intelligence Agency who fled after being identified by a Soviet defector as a double agent. He supposedly had access to important information that would be damaging to US interests if it fell into Soviet hands.

He was named by Administration officials as Edward Howard, who had an "operational" post with the CIA.

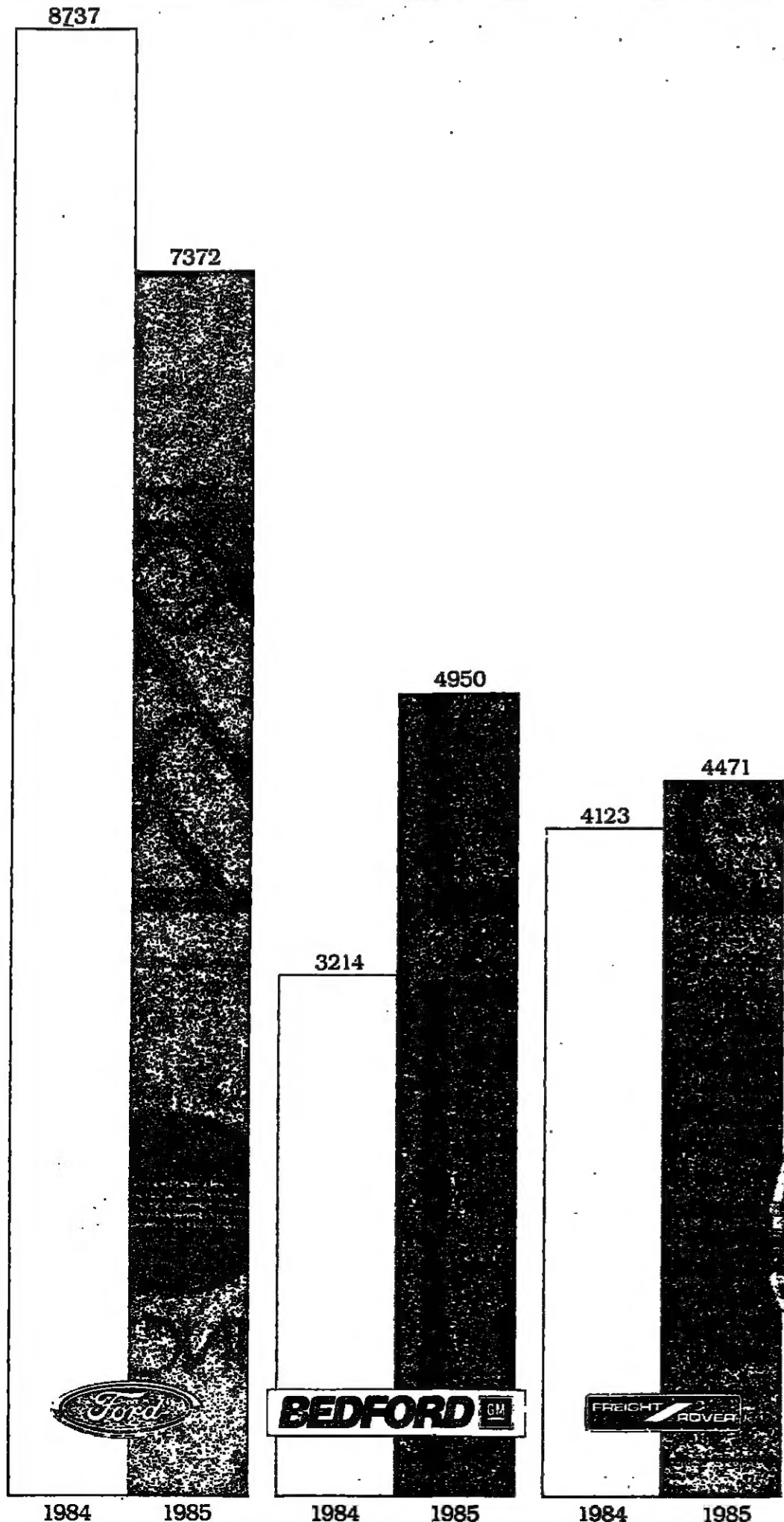
It is not known where he was based, but according to one account yesterday, he worked for the agency's clandestine service under the Deputy Director for Operations.

He apparently left the CIA 18 months ago and took a job with

the New Mexico legislature. Officials there said he resigned on September 22, citing "personal reasons". It is believed he is now out of the country. Neighbours said eight FBI agents descended on his home in Santa Fe on Saturday. Former colleagues described him as a low-key person in his early thirties, married, with a son.

According to US officials Mr Howard was named by Mr Vitaly Yurchenko, a former senior member of the KGB who defected in Rome in July. He is probably now in the US under CIA protection. It is believed that from 1975 to 1980 he was director of KGB operations in the US. He has been described as the fifth ranking member of the KGB.

HOW BEDFORD HAS EASED OUT FREIGHT-ROVER AND MADE FORD UNEASY.



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This trend is now so strong that August also shows Bedford in second place for registrations of vans of all types.

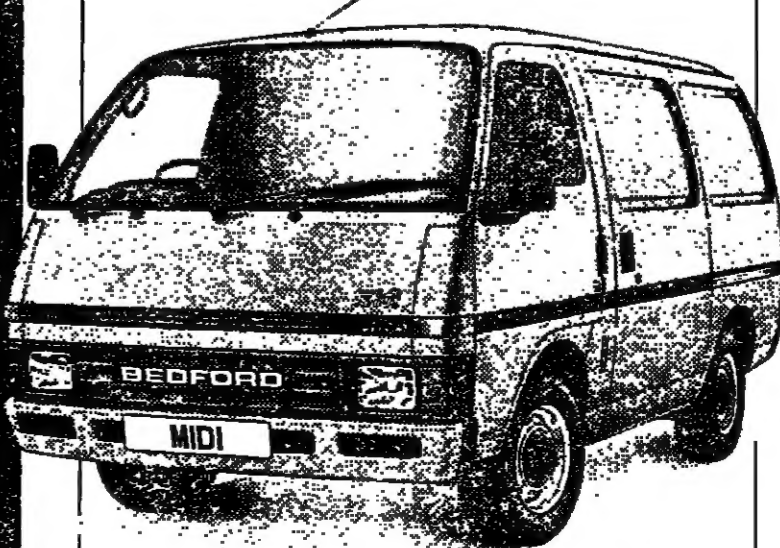
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Gonzalez uses overseas trips to campaign for 'Yes' vote on Nato

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

In visits to Washington and Bonn in the past five days, Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister, has started a campaign to persuade voters in a referendum next spring to say "Yes" to Spain remaining in Nato.

Doing this from abroad while the campaign at home is hanging fire amid Socialist Party reluctance may seem an odd procedure. But the Prime Minister apparently calculates that the realism which caused him to change his own mind over Nato will also penetrate Spaniards' mind if not their hearts.

All the Opposition parties, from Señor Manuel Fraga's Popular Alliance to the Communists, are sceptical about whether the referendum, which the polls have persistently shown the Government would lose, will actually be held next spring. The widely predicted time is mid-March.

In Washington he claimed to be convinced that the Spanish

people "will show themselves sufficiently mature to understand fully the reasons for remaining" in Nato.

Spain became the sixteenth member of Nato in May 1982 under the Centre Democrats. A referendum on whether to stay in Nato was first promised by Señor Gonzalez, who had previously campaigned against membership, at the October 1982 general election which his Socialist Party won.

In Bonn Señor Gonzalez had to listen to Chancellor Kohl emphasizing the link between EEC membership and Nato, and in Washington the Americans gave nothing away, saying substantive negotiations about the future of the US bases in Spain must await the outcome of the referendum.

The underlying theme of all Señor Gonzalez's travelling, that Spain is playing a new role on the world stage, is supposed to drum into Spaniards' consciousness a realization that

neutralist hankerings must be a thing of the past.

The Communists have set next month to begin their campaign of agitation against Nato and other small Opposition parties, who favour Spain remaining in Nato, have indicated a reluctance to help swell the "Yes" votes.

Señor Narcis Serra, the Defence Minister, meanwhile, has reaffirmed his opposition to joining the Nato command structure. He urged Nato to show its "habitual pragmatism" and devise a special formula for Spain's defence contribution.

Mr Norman Lamont, Britain's Minister of State for Defence Procurement, signed in Madrid on Tuesday the first collaborative defence technology agreement with Spain relating to explosives, under the Independent European Programme Group Project. He said real prospects now existed for a clear defence relationship with Spain.

Prado shows off more of its riches

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

With an exhibition of Neapolitan paintings opened by Queen Sofia, Spain's Prado museum inaugurated its recently-doubled floor space (Richard Wigg writes).

The show of more than 160 paintings by such masters as Caravaggio, Salvador Rosa, Lucas Giordano and José Ribera is the first to be held in the Villahermosa Palace, formerly a bank headquarters and

acquired for the Prado by the Ministry of Culture. It is on the opposite side of the street from the Prado, on one of Madrid's main thoroughfares.

The exhibition is similar to one given in London in 1982 and subsequently in Washington and Paris. But this time most of the works come from Spanish state and private collections, rich in Neapolitan paintings from the 17th cen-

tury, when Spanish viceroys not only ruled southern Italy but were also big collectors.

The Prado, rich in paintings but limited in financial means compared to other great museums of Europe and the US, badly needs more space to display its collection. One idea now is to concentrate at the Villahermosa Palace all the Prado's 17th and 18th and 19th-century paintings.

Korea drive against dissident students

From David Waits, Tokyo

Against a background of renewed campus protest President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea is cracking down anew of the opposition in general and students in particular.

Several judges have been transferred from the capital because they were not taking a sufficiently strict line with the continuous stream of student cases coming before them. At least one senior official has been transferred abroad because he spoke out against draconian new measures against protesters which were subsequently postponed.

The President's tougher approach was exemplified yesterday with heavy sentences passed on the students who occupied the United States Information Centre in the centre of Seoul last May.

The leader of the group Han Un-Kyung, aged 21, was given seven years' jail and three years' suspension of civil rights. Sentences of between three and five years were passed on 18 other students who took part out of a total of about 70.

The use of the national security law, usually reserved for more nationally damaging cases, has brought strong protests from the opposition and for the first time, from parents protesting in support of their offspring.

The use of the security law indicated that the Government felt the students were acting in the interests of North Korea. The students called off their weekend protest after Mr Kim Dae Jung, co-chairman of the council for the promotion of Democracy, warned them that



Police stifle a protest by a student sentenced in Seoul for occupying the US Information Centre.

they were in danger of giving aid and comfort to a North Korean delegation due in Seoul.

Last week the Government withdrew the licence to practise of a lawyer and member of the opposition New Korea democratic Party in the Assembly Park Chan-Jong. Mr Park was arrested outside a rally at Korea University with a party colleague and accused of inciting student. He was one of the few lawyers in Seoul willing to defend students in court.

President Chun still has in reserve a proposed Campus Stabilization Law under which convicted student demonstrators would be sent for up to six months of ideological reorientation at special centres.

The President suggested the law in the middle of August but later had to shelve the Bill after widespread opposition to it throughout the country. But he said he was merely shelving the bill until there was a better understanding of it.

SEOUL: Guards bundled the South Korean students sentenced for occupying the US Government office out of a Seoul court yesterday after they chanted slogans (Reuters reports).

The students, bound and handcuffed, shouted: "down with dictatorship, down with Chun Doo Hwan."

Hindus nervous as Punjab rulers free Sikh militants

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A certain amount of nervousness is being shown among the Indian - particularly the Hindu - political community about what the new Government in Punjab will do now that it has a dominant grip on power.

Since the Sikh religious party, the Akali Dal, swept to an overwhelming victory in last week's elections, a number of signs from its leaders have given some cause for fear that they could yield to separatist extremists.

The first significant executive act of the Government of Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, sworn in on Sunday, was to announce the release from jail of 234 people detained under the National Security Act. Nine extremists have been left in jail in the state because, according to the Chief Minister, their offences are more serious. Their cases will be examined by a committee appointed yesterday.

The cases of other extremists detained outside the state will also be examined by the committee, in conjunction with the central Government.

While the release of the detainees can be seen as an act of reconciliation for the community, there can be no doubt that it puts back on the streets of Punjab a number of determined militants.

At the same time Mr Surjit Singh, during a visit to the Golden Temple of Amritsar, the Sikhs' holiest shrine, declared that his Government would ensure that the police did not enter the temple complex in future.

About that, *The Tribune*, a Chandigarh newspaper that generally expresses the Hindu point of view, opined that such respect for a place of worship "places on those in charge of these revered places the responsibility to ensure that their premises are not misused for anti-state purposes involving a breach of the law of the land."

The Tribune adds piously: "Considering the wisdom and

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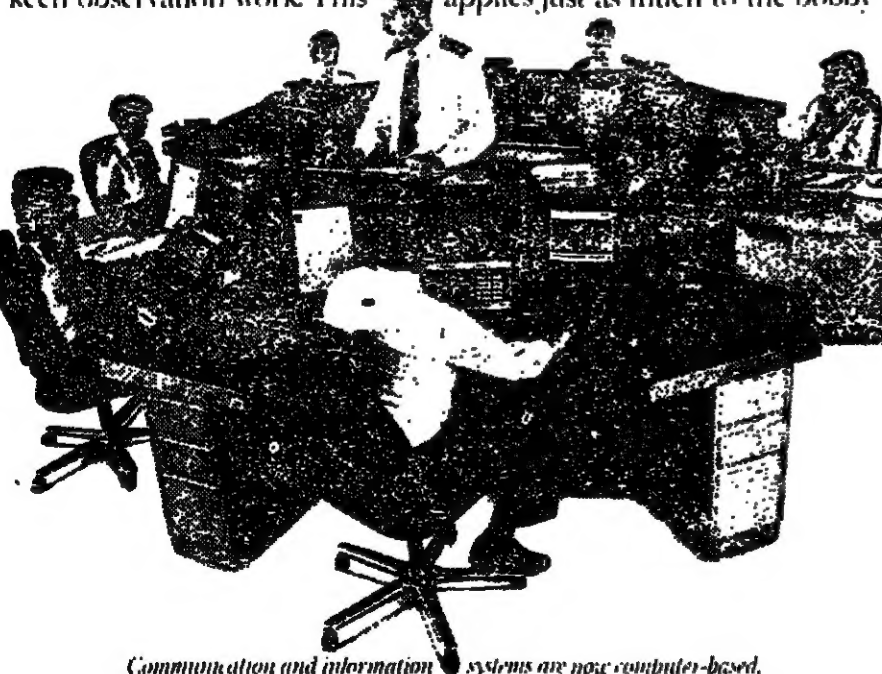
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Conscripts face longer service

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

West German national service, to which males are liable on reaching the age of 18, is to be increased from 15 to 18 months. This was decided at a Cabinet meeting here yesterday.

The decision is one of the longer-term effects of the contraceptive pill which is generally regarded as the main reason the West German birthrate began to fall in the late 1960s.

This brought about the first sharp fall in the number of conscripts available to a country which, under successive forms of government, has had conscription since Germany was first united in 1871 and in Prussia long before that.

With the birthrate remaining at its present level, West Germany would not be able to meet its Nato commitments in the 1990s because fewer and fewer conscripts would be entering the Army each year. It has therefore become necessary for men to serve longer.

The decision has aroused some political controversy. The main opposition party, the Social Democrats (SPD), is not enthusiastic about the change, or anxious to identify with it. But neither has the SPD - apart from its left - made a big issue of it. This is because national service seems to be accepted by most voters as a fact of life.

Angry MPs walk out in Islamabad

Islamabad (Reuters) - Thirty-two independent MPs stormed out of Pakistan's National Assembly yesterday, accusing the Government of trying to bulldoze through a controversial Bill pardoning the past eight years of army rule.

The MPs walked out in protest against a government decision to shorten normal legislative procedure for considering the Bill, which would legitimize President Zia's introduction since his coup in 1977.

The small independent group in the 237-member assembly has blocked the Bill for three weeks, arguing that it would give the President too many powers after martial law was lifted by the promised deadline of January 1.

Waji Saifullah Khan, a leader of the independent group, announced the Government's tactics as a way to rush in a civilian form of martial law. He then left the hall, starting the walkout.

The Justice Minister, Mr Iqbal Anjum Khan, said the Government was simply eager to pass the laws needed for lifting martial law. He said his critics had wasted three weeks with irrelevant speeches.

The independents, whom the Government has tried to win over to a broad consensus backing the Bill, said they would not return until proper parliamentary procedures were followed.

US crackdown on illegal workers angers farmers

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Congress has mounted a vigorous new attempt to stem the tide of illegal immigrants to the United States, most of them Mexicans and other Hispanics who work for pittance wages on farms in southern California and Texas.

The traditional influx of "illegals" during the fruit and vegetable picking season has been a way of life for generations, helping to sustain hundreds of thousands of Mexican families living in dire conditions along the Rio Grande Valley. For them, a small wage in American dollars represents a substantial income.

The Senate has voted 69 to 30 to punish farmers who employ "illegals". The measure stands a good chance of surviving in the House of Representatives, which voted narrowly last year in favour of substantial immigration reforms.

The Bill is fiercely opposed by most Hispanic groups, civil liberties organizations and some labour unions. The most vocal opponents, however, are farmers who are accustomed to having a huge pool of cheap, illegal labour. There is nothing under present law to stop them employing illegal aliens and the "illegals" are not covered by minimum wage rules and labour protection laws.

For three successive years the Senate has voted overwhelmingly for immigration controls.

Last year the two chambers failed to agree on key differences in their respective Bills and the proposals died. Democrats, in particular, are acutely aware of the danger of upsetting the influential Hispanic vote in the South.

The new Bill would allow up to 350,000 aliens a year into the United States to harvest crops. Since they would no longer be illegal immigrants, they would be protected by minimum wage provisions, which would upset most farmers. They would be allowed to stay a maximum of nine months.

The measure would offer legal status to illegal aliens who have lived continuously in the United States since before January 1, 1980. It is officially estimated that 1.4 million of the estimated 3.6 million illegal aliens in the United States could qualify for legal status.

It would streamline an existing programme that allows foreign workers into the country temporarily. Farmers would be given three years to phase out the use of illegal workers.

The Bill proposes fining farmers between \$3,000 and \$10,000 for each illegal alien they employ. Farmers seem much better organized this year than ever before to fight attempts to tamper with their historical involvement with Mexican workers, and a tough congressional fight is certain.

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The pilot politician born to lead

The Times Profile: Rajiv Gandhi

In the old days of peacocks and palanquins, emperors and rajahs, it was customary for the great and powerful to hold court not only for those in their favour but also for the poor and helpless.

The palanquins and rajahs have vanished, but there is a remnant of the tradition still to be found on the tree-lined Race Course Road in New Delhi where, on three mornings a week, the people can call on the most powerful man in the land, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

After passing through metal detectors and body checks, they are allowed on to the lawns of his residence for the morning *durbars* (the preferred word is *darsan* which has religious connotations, implying a blessing). The Prime Minister arrives, with monarchical punctuality, at nine o'clock, beaming affably and dressed in dazzlingly white homespun which makes one wonder if this is the reason for his popular sobriquet, Mr Clean.

It is a particularly colourful gathering on this morning. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, one of the largest public sector enterprises in India, has sent colourful troupes of dancers from each of its units - Bhopal, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Punjab - to ask for the Prime Minister's blessings on their annual show and to give him a glimpse of it.

Mr Gandhi watches with a kind of bemused pleasure and says what he has just seen is exactly what the country is striving to achieve - the unity of diverse customs and traditions from which can be drawn mutual benefit.

He thanks the dancers for their demonstration as well as their work on the industrial front: power is a primary infrastructural need he says. Then he moves between groups of petitioners, instructing an aide to note their complaints and saying "I'll see what I can do", before having to leave to meet a busy schedule.

In Hyderabad House, the cream and rose sandstone palace that was once the Delhi residence of the Nizam of Hyderabad and is now the official venue for state banquets, Rajiv Gandhi and his Italian wife Sonia stand on one of the Nizam's priceless carpets, under a great chandelier, and entertain their guests of honour, the visiting Prime Minister of New Zealand, David Lange, and his wife Naomi.

After fruit juices and cola drinks (prohibition is a government policy), guests are led into the banquet hall. The air is informal. Mr Lange's voice booms out confidently and the High Commissioner for New Zealand, legendary mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary, laughs loudly at his anecdotes. Even the reticent Sonia laughs.

The banquet is no sooner over than the guests rush away in a long cavalcade to Palam airport. The Gandhis see the Langes off then hurry across the tarmac to the plane waiting to fly them to Goa, the erstwhile Portuguese enclave more than 1,000 miles away on the west

coast, to inaugurate the centenary celebrations of the Mormugao port. Women in crimson and purple silk saris greet the Gandhis with garlands. Sonia has changed from the printed silk sari she wore at the banquet to a Goan cotton sari of saffron yellow, imitating her mother-in-law's habit of dressing in the style of the area she was visiting.

The party is whisked through the town of Vasco to the harbour, where plaques are unveiled and Sonia lights a traditional brass lamp and gives presents to worthy workers.

There is another cultural show, this one with an incongruous Portuguese element. While Bombay film songs blare from loudspeakers, and a Muslim priest can be heard calling solemnly for prayers, Goan girls in fisherwomen's saris trip to a frisky tune and a popular singer in a checked shirt and striped socks dedicates a song to Rajiv Gandhi. It goes: "Hullo, Rajiv Gandhi, how does it feel to be holding the reins of the nation, or do they feel like the chains of continuation?"

The cavalcade returns to the airport. On the return flight to Delhi, the Prime Minister has two hours of privacy in which to dine with his wife and attend to the files in his briefcase.

He sees the future in rapid and radical industrialization

Sonia and Rajiv Gandhi have not had much time to adjust to a life that is new to them and not, by all reports, entirely congenial. "There are difficulties", Rajiv admits, exchanging a troubled look with his wife. Sonia finds it difficult to express her feelings about entering the political world but denies that she once said she would rather her children grew up to be beggars than politicians.

Her English is strongly tinged with Italian and Indian accents which she explains by saying: "I learned English at Cambridge - from Rajiv and his Indian friends, not from the English". Rajiv laughs: "She can't understand English spoken by an Englishman".

She did not find India so very strange. "I did everything gradually, by stages", she says. "I wore a sari a few times, then more and more. Now I can hardly believe I once wore skirts and jeans." She learned Hindi by speaking it to her children.

Rajiv Gandhi has occupied his position of power for only a short time. It was on October 31, 1984, that he was chosen as leader of the ruling Congress Party and India's Prime Minister to replace his mother. She had been assassinated a few hours earlier by two of her Sikh bodyguards in revenge for the military assault she ordered on the Sikh's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

As soon as the official period of mourning was over and her ashes



scattered over the Himalayas - and before the Opposition could raise an outcry against dynastic rule - her son declared a general election.

More than 230 million people went to the polls and the verdict was overwhelming - 401 of the 508 seats in Parliament were won by the Congress Party, and Rajiv defeated his estranged sister-in-law Maneka by 300,000 votes.

Clearly few wanted the coalition party that the Opposition was trying to cobble together; people chose the 100-year-old Congress Party, although for contradictory reasons. Some chose it because it stood for political continuity and stability, others because Rajiv Gandhi and his party stood for change and a break with the past.

It is his curious fate to have to combine such a contradiction within his own person and his policies. It was prophesied at his birth by his grandfather who wrote, from the

prison in which he had been placed by the British for his role in the freedom struggle, to the boy's mother in Bombay: "I do not easily get excited, but I experienced a deep feeling of contentment when I heard of the arrival of the newcomer."

"There was also a vague and comforting sensation of the future gradually pushing out the past as it always does. Of course there is never an actual break. It is an unending and continuous flow, link after link in a chain which has no visible beginning and apparently no end - so a nation and a people taste of immortality and even a family lives on and on."

These seem to be the sentiments of those who voted him into power. Yet, although he had taken over so quickly and smoothly, the need to prove himself by translating promises into action rose immediately.

In the chaotic aftermath of his mother's assassination, some 2,000

BIOGRAPHY

1944: Born August 29 in Bombay, the eldest son of Feroze and Indira Gandhi.

1956: Sent to Indian public school. Completed his education at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read mechanical engineering.

1968: Married Sonia, the Italian girl he met at Cambridge. Trained in Britain as an airline pilot and for 14 years served with India Airlines.

1980: Younger brother Sanjay killed in air crash and Rajiv set out on road to power.

1981: Entered politics by contesting and winning Sanjay's seat, Amethi. Became member of the National Executive of the Indian Youth Congress.

1983: Became a General Secretary of the Congress Party.



1984: On October 31, chosen to lead the party and succeed his assassinated mother as Prime Minister. Took over as Minister of Atomic Energy, Culture, Electronics, Environment, Science and Technology, Tourism and Civil Aviation. Declared general election after the country's period of mourning for Indira Gandhi and the Congress Party won an overwhelming vote of confidence.

Sikhs were slaughtered and the Sikh community further alienated. The deaths, a few weeks later, of 2,500 people and the injury to some 200,000 more by the disastrous leak in the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal added to the horror.

The other problems Rajiv faced were endemic: protests from Assam regarding refugees flowing in from Bangladesh and from Bangladesh about the fence being built along the border to prevent them from doing so; the Tamil refugees fleeing from the Sinhalese majority and military repression in Sri Lanka; and Sri Lanka's accusation that India was harbouring Tamil separatists and training their guerrillas; caste wars that were brought under control in one area only to erupt in another.

The pattern of foreign policy was more stable, having been set by Indira Gandhi. India continues to play a prominent role in the bloc of non-aligned nations; Rajiv has paid

tribute to the Soviet Union as a tried and true friend and voiced regret that America continues to supply arms to Pakistan and refuses to curb its nuclear power programme, which he sees as a deterrent to the good relations he would like to establish.

His visit to the United States in June, the impression he made on the American press and the agreement signed recently for technical collaboration, have already started this process. He will be following it up with a two-day visit to Britain starting on October 14.

He has chosen to make a break from the past in the economic field, determined to alter the fact, "in the next decade", that more than half the population of 746 million lives below the poverty line.

He sees the future in rapid and radical industrialization, and the first budget presented by the new finance minister, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, in April has brought in some startling changes - reducing income tax, cutting corporate taxes and liberalizing import policies, mainly for computers and electronics, in the hope of stimulating industry and encouraging entrepreneurs.

For all that, Rajiv will not accept the charge that he has deviated from the socialist path of the Congress Party and moved towards capitalism. "We remain a socialist country. It needs a new direction, a new impetus, but we are not giving it up in favour of capitalism. Nor does he like the emphasis attributed to him on the computer as the key to the 21st century. "I am not interested only in the computer. I am interested in technology. A lot of research has been done in science, in agriculture, and this must be put to practical use."

Rajiv has an almost uncanny air of calm and confidence. Some assume it comes from the certainty that he was born to lead, because of his mother and his grandfather. Yet his upbringing was hardly that of a crown prince; rather it was of a privileged but not over-protected child of an Indian family of the upper caste and comfortable means.

Born in Bombay on August 29, 1944, he was the first child of Indira Gandhi, the only daughter of the Kashmiri Brahmin Jawaharlal Nehru, and Feroze Gandhi, a Parsi journalist from Bombay. It was his grandfather who named him Rajiv and continued to play an influential role in his childhood. His mother had chosen to live with her father in order to act as his official hostess while her husband worked in Lucknow as the managing director of the *National Herald*, before becoming a member of parliament. A second son, Sanjay, was born in 1946. Feroze visited them when he could and was an affectionate and playful father.

When he was 12, Rajiv was sent to a public school run along British lines, where he is remembered for his shyness and his interest in mechanics and photography. His education was continued at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read mechanical engineering. Asked if he thought such an elitist education an advantage or a disadvantage, Rajiv replied emphatically: "An advantage. It broadened the outlook and yes, it is what I would want for my children."

At Cambridge he was so quiet and withdrawn that hardly anyone was

aware of his presence or his parentage. He did not show the faintest interest in politics and very little in his studies.

The one important event at university was his meeting with Sonia Maino, who was studying English. It was "the best thing that ever happened to Rajiv", according to a friend. Sonia was accepted into the Gandhi household with more warmth than is usual in a Hindu "joint family."

Indira appeared happy to have a daughter in the house and left her to run it while she worked and travelled. The birth of Rajiv's son, Rahul, and daughter, Priyanka, strengthened the bond.

When Sanjay died in an air crash in 1980, Rajiv had spent 14 years as a pilot with India Airlines. He seemed reluctant to take his brother's place on the political scene and it was well known that Sonia recoiled from the idea. Yet he became his mother's chief support and confidant and was persuaded to contest a by-election in his brother's constituency. A member of Sonia emerged from her private and domestic existence to campaign for him, giving up her Italian citizenship.

It was clear he would not stay in his mother's shadow for long

After his election victory, Rajiv said he wanted "to attract a new breed of persons to politics - intelligent, westernized young men with non-feudal, non-criminal ideas who want to make India progress."

The coterie he chose to have around him included young men from the business and technological world. Together they organized the extravaganza of the Ninth Asian Games. Rajiv personally looked into every aspect, including the coordination of the whole through the latest telecommunication devices, which led to him being nicknamed "Computerji" and "Pilot Politician". It was clear he would not remain in his mother's shadow for long. No action of his exemplifies this better than his handling of the Punjab crisis. Determined to put an end to what had involved his mother to a fatal degree, he signed an accord with Sant Longowal, the leader of the moderate wing of the Akali Dal, and declared elections in the state.

Despite predictions of major unrest and violence that made it necessary to deploy the biggest security force in Indian history during polling, the election was conducted not only peacefully but enthusiastically by both Hindus and Sikhs who seemed equally keen to achieve normalcy in the state.

Rajiv has been accused by some of deliberately engineering the failure of the Congress Party by putting up unknown young candidates and not campaigning widely; the victory of the moderate Akali Dal (73 seats out of 114 went to them) seems to prove that this was precisely his intention. It was a strategy that has come to typify his style.

Anita Desai

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Why rot is better than rubbish

COMMENT

Janet Morris



It all began last year when we became involved in a movement to prevent the use of a part of our common as a dump for huge quantities of builders' rubble and earth. A vigorous campaign rapidly gathered momentum and ended in a gratifying rejection of the plans for tipping.

As the danger receded, and our common was relieved at least for a short while, we began to reassess the land itself. The gorse and the grass and trees were still there as they always had been, but the total impression had certainly changed. We were shocked by the general air of squalor. Wherever we looked rubbish peeped out of the grass, floated on the pond and drifted into every shrub and thicket.

It is difficult to say who made the next move but it was probably a group of regular dog-walkers whose pets repeatedly cut their feet on broken glass, in one case with fatal results.

By Christmas it was commonplace to see people returning from their walks carrying bulging plastic bags of assorted rubbish. One lady picked up nothing but plastic but most were not so selective. Before long the improvement was astounding.

By the spring it was possible to walk over the most heavily used parts of the common without noticing more than the occasional sweet wrapper. Everywhere looked clean and fresh and hopes began to rise that it might be possible to keep it that way. But that was before the fishing season started in June.

The pond in the middle of the common is no longer an idyllic scene. Although the dog-walkers still collect refuse every day they simply cannot keep up with the deluge. Empty bottles, crisp packets and bread wrappers bob on the surface of the water like plague-stricken ducks, while long lengths of nylon fishing line litter the banks and bushes, a lethal hazard for unwary birds.

One Saturday morning in August we filled six large plastic bags with litter and that was by no means all that was there, we just ran out of time and energy! It will be the same next time we go. The euphoria of early summer is giving way to despair

and it will not be long before the dog-walkers abandon the pond.

My own attitude to litter has undergone a profound change. Once you have learnt to look for litter you see it wherever you go, whether you want to or not. I can no longer carelessly discard supermarket wrappers in the dustbin. In my mind's eye they are made of the same sordid crumpled dirty plastic that I have been collecting from the common, and I am well aware that by putting it in the dustbin I have done no more than send it off to be dumped somewhere else. Wherever it goes it will never rot away.

I collect a great deal of household waste such as glass, metal, cardboard and paper, and dispatch it for recycling, but there always remains an intractable residue of plastic.

I try not to buy it, but that is almost impossible. The local greengrocer still sells vegetables loose, and the baker is content with a decomposable paper bag for his loaves, but there is a huge range of goods for which plastic wrappings are compulsory.

I do not buy things like yoghurt which are only available in throw-away plastic tubs, but where meat is concerned the only choice is between one plastic bag in the local butcher's shop as against two wrappers

and a plastic tray in the supermarket.

The whole supermarket economy is based on plastic bags and bottles. Millions and millions of them are spewed out every year, to be discarded in the great heaps that are our council refuse dumps, or dumped at sea.

Only one thing is certain. They will never rot in our lifetime and they will be joined by more and more of their kind.

Places to dump this litter are already running out. Most of the available old quarries are filled in, and it is more and more difficult to dump domestic refuse or builders' rubble. Planners look ever more hungrily at any open space - such as common - to unload their problem. People are no more untidy or careless than they ever were - it is simply that the supply of litter has increased.

"The council ought to clear up the litter" is a constant complaint in letter after letter to the local papers. They do their best to cope while every year new "throwaway" items are marketed, especially containers for food and drink. Many individual citizens do their best but I begin to feel that it would be better if they didn't. If the litter were left to accumulate over the years until every road was lined by embankments of rubbish-filled bags and empty beer cans, every gutter and alley silted up with plastic bags and crisp packets that were redistributed by every wind until our towns and countryside became plant garbage heaps - only then would society come to its senses.

The throwaway society has always been a delusion. Nature recycles everything, and so should we. The only lasting solution is to make it compulsory and financially rewarding to recycle reusable items (as with ordinary wine bottles in France) and to prohibit the use of wrappings that will not decompose.

I there could even be a stiff tax on such wrappings before a law came into force. Rome has already passed one forbidding the use of non-degradable wrappings as from 1991. Do we really need to reach a crisis point here before we follow suit?

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BOOKS

Love letters, nature notes, and war poems

For many years before he started writing poetry, Edward Thomas was a dauntingly prolific prose writer, and he practised what he preached. So this is very much a book of journeys and arrivals. It is a life-and-death book, an Edward Thomas route book, taking in the long straight Roman roads of Britain, the highways and byways where he met his tramps and vagabonds, and finally the derelict side roads around Arras where Thomas was killed in 1917.

Thomas wrote so much himself, and a good deal has been written about him, some of it pretty dubious. It has been all too tempting to see him as a poet-hero of the First World War, finding his true meter in the exigencies of battle. One great value of this book, by a long-term Thomas expert, editor of the *Collected Poems*, is the eagerness with which he examines this assumption, arguing that Edward Thomas would have been a poet anyway. Another is its emphasis on Thomas's peculiar and tortuous emotional development. To call this book the passionate story of a marriage or even the story of a passionate marriage may give the wrong impression of Emeritus Professor R. George Thomas's far from searing prose style. But it is still a story of enormous fascination, very moving in most basic human terms.

Edward Thomas was a schoolboy at St Paul's when he first arrived in the house on Wandsworth Common, a protégé of James Ashcroft Noble, the critic and journalist, who encouraged his early ambitions to become a nature diarist and essayist. His courtship of Helen, James Noble's second daughter, began precociously and proceeded with precariously high ideals of honesty and honour.

This was no ordinary suburban romance. He bombarded her with questions about female physiology, took to cold baths and dumb bells to tone up his own body. She used some of her earnings as a nursemaid to hire a bathing machine and develop her swimming as a preparation for radiant motherhood. There was no question of consum-

mation, and when things got too much for them the lovers would meet at the National Gallery where they examined in minute detail the Greek male and female statues.

It was of course a strain and, not surprisingly perhaps, Edward Thomas very often becomes cross and melancholy. Even at this early stage, when he goes to Oxford, the pattern gets established for his frequent swings of mood. The inconsistency with which, for all his chaste ideals of marriage, he is easily enraptured by the sight of other women (and then of course feels bound to confess to rowing, but then starts to take laudanum. How he reads obscure books, and consequently worries at his frequent seminal emissions. It is by now quite clear he can behave with awful silliness. And only Helen's optimism and resilience, her "genius for joy", comes anywhere near saving him. When, after all, one Easter vacation a child is conceived *en plein air* on one of their energetic country rambles, he is still inclined to wonder idiotically if his blood is over-heated by licentious Oxford life.

Through their erratic courtship and their problematic marriage, Edward Thomas and Helen were inspired letter-writers. There is a current tendency among biographers to denigrate quotation, on the grounds that it holds up the narrative and bores the readers. But in this book quotation is in fact the main excitement: it is the way of watching the relationship develop and, through an astute interweaving of brief passages from Edward Thomas's notebooks and

Fiona MacCarthy on the strange life of a poet who loved and wrote not wisely but too well and died young

EDWARD THOMAS: A PORTRAIT
By R. George Thomas
Oxford, £12.95



books published, the means of relating life and love to work in progress. Indirectly perhaps it tempts one to regret the demise of letter-writing in modern married life.

Edward Thomas's twin passions were the idea of nature and the idea of nationality. His dream existence was wild rural life in Wales. However, he and Helen spent their entire married life in the suburbs of London or, at best, in the Home Counties since Thomas in fact needed to be in reach of Fleet Street and the newspapers and literary-and-general magazines on whose behalf he noted nature and reviewed with speed and frenzy. In 1908 he was producing 20 reviews per month. For all his hero-worship of the image of Welsh scholar / preacher / bard composing in some mountain fastness, he did much of his best writing at Petersfield in Hampshire in a cosy little garden-house study called the Bee-house, very close to Bedales School, whose style and inmates he detested, and whose brand of social conscience increased his self-disgust.

He often wandered off. This was a part of his own nature: he liked to see himself as the by-passer, the vagrant, the plain-spoken rural traveller, the man he once described as "as independent as a parrot or a tramp". It was also very much the fashion of the time, the habit of the coteries where Edward Thomas moved, which this book describes so well. Though he did have other loves, a sudden strange obsession with Helen's one-time charge, Hope Webb, the child of nature, the main challenge to domestic life was his

great craving for male conviviality, his long walks with the selected (male) companion, his liking for a well-packed knapsack probably containing his own *Pocket Book of Poems and Songs for Open Air*.

"He laughed heartily in circles given more to laughter than to preciousness", as his old friend Harry Hooton approvingly explained his longing for good fellowship. Away from home he joined the literary extraverts: walked hard with Hilary Beller, smoked his pipe with Alaire Ransome, parked around and camped in the New Forest with the Farjones, played cricket with Clifford Bax (when, not being good at cricket, he tended to be banished to the outfield).

Many of his ideas about poetry developed from long tramps in the English-Welsh Border country with Robert Frost, the poet of New England, on the make in England proper. The Border country did not seem so far off from Vermont. But indefatigable roamer as he was, Thomas's homing instinct was in a way still stronger, and he always did go back to Helen, who endeavoured to calm him down with cod liver oil and Plasmon Cocoa. Helen in her frumpy frocks, hair plaited round her head, generous, emotional, always at the mercy of her menstrual cycle, a poignant reminder of that golden age of womanhood when marrying a genius seemed more or less enough.

This is an old-fashioned book in a good sense, gaining more from acumen than it loses from prolixity. It is at its best, and tersest, in the Thomas-at-war chapters. The letters from France are, like the entries in the diaries, clear and laconic, detailed, realistic. Edward writes almost happily to Helen from the trenches:

I simply watched the shells changing the landscape... but the sun shone and larks and partridges and magpies made love and the trench was being made passable for the wounded that will be harvested in a day or two.

The last love letter, also the final nature note.

Big names and good writers on parade

CHILDREN
Brian Alderson

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK
Edited by Nick Butterworth
Walter Books, £2.99

The *Children's Book* is the most newsworthy - and the slimmest - of a number of recent anthologies. Just published, for instance, is *The Puffin Children's Treasury* edited by Clifton Fadiman (Viking Kestrel, £15.95), a heavy book at a heavy price. It has the virtue of containing a sizeable number of complete books or stories that every child should have a chance to hear. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, for instance, or *Johnny Crow's Garden* - but it does so at more than financial cost. For one thing, especially with books like *Johnny Crow* it wrecks the integrity of a text designed to work alongside pictures: for another thing it makes nothing of the opportunity to point children towards real, unmythologized books that they may be inspired to read by browsing through this selection.

Failure to build on potential is also the character of *The Illustrated Treasury of Modern Literature for Children* - an unlikely title to arrive from Hamlyn (£7.95). It eschews completeness entirely, being constructed on the "Now read on..." principle, with bleeding chunks from our famous contemporaries served up with colourful bumper-book illustrations.

To teach the young idea how to shoot

William Jackson

SOLDIERS
By John Keegan and Richard Holmes
Hamish Hamilton, £12.95

of future British military commanders in the relevance of history, without dampening their enthusiasm for the profession of arms, they have not minimized the stark realities of war. On the contrary, they emphasize its inhumanity and cruelty, and they demonstrate the ways by which sane men have brought themselves to withstand fear in the defence of their countries or ideals, through various forms of discipline and regimental spirit, appropriate to the epoch and to different races of people.

Soon after the Second World War, Field Marshal Montgomery, when questioned about the influence of his studies of military history upon his subsequent policies, used to reply implicitly in his high, strident voice: "Study it, study it, but remember it starts with me - I have made all the rest irrelevant."

Whether the Army took him seriously or not, military history was dropped from the entrance exam syllabus and the curriculum of the Staff College at Camberley, but it was kept alive by John Keegan and his predecessors at Sandhurst. The pendulum is now swinging back, as the lessons of history before Montgomery are seen to be just as relevant to the nuclear era as in any other age. The standard of Keegan's and Holmes's *Soldiers* suggests that Sandhurst's War Studies faculty has much to offer to both colleges, which, though catering for different age groups, are separated geographically only by the small and insignificant Wish Stream.

Eyes of the storm

David Hunt

THE FRINGES OF POWER
Downing Street Diaries
1939-1955
By Sir John Colville
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.95

This must be the most historically valuable of all the published diaries covering the middle years of this century. It is also the most readable. More authoritative than Harold Nicolson's and more entertaining even than Chips Channon's I find it is likely to supplement Ciano's diary as my favourite bedtime reading.

Jack Colville, so known to his friends and to all the Churchill family, is uniquely qualified to chronicle what future writers may call the British Epic. From 1939 to 1945 he was Private Secretary to three Prime Ministers: Chamberlain, Churchill and Attlee, with an interval of over two years during which he trained as a fighter pilot with the RAF and flew on operations. From 1947 to 1949 he was Private Secretary to the then Princess Elizabeth. When Churchill returned in 1951 he was summoned back to No 10 to serve until the resignation of 1955. Remaining a close friend of the family he was appointed by Churchill a trustee and an executor.

Churchill is the main theme of the book, and this is by far the best picture of him that exists. It is especially valuable as a record of his conversation, something that Lord Moran, for all his Boswellian ambitions, was unsuccessful at reproducing. The presentation has a proper artistic shape. We begin with the "despair" felt by Chamberlain's loyal secretaries at the thought of his replacement by a man whom Colville had just stigmatized as verbose, ineffective, and harmful. But as we read further, entranced by the fall of nations and empires while at the centre of "the gale of the world" each successive day's events are recorded by this preternaturally mature young man, we are conscious of

a gradual change of perspective. The unstable and unscrupulous politician reveals himself, first, as the man who will save Britain and, secondly, as a person who deserves not only obedience but affection.

The description of Churchill's second Prime Ministership is like a cadenza performed by a master to round off the artistic shape of the book. Some revelations about the operations to seize the Suez canal in 1956, in three appendices, provide a coda. On the evidence presented here Churchill was fully equal to his duties, certainly up to his stroke in 1953, an incident most vividly described in his personal and constitutional aspects.

Revelations are what most people expect from diaries. There are plenty here, but since the writer allowed Martin Gilbert free access for his life of Churchill many have already appeared there, where indeed they sparkingly enliven the narrative. It was already known, for instance, that Sir John's evidence disproves the story of Churchill leaving Coventry to suffer to preserve the secret of our decipherment of German signals, which was promulgated by Winterbotham and Stephenson.

The author's position at the centre of political events, and in society, means that names are dropped in almost every page. He has provided copious biographical notes which, though miraculously concise, are illuminating and just. His Salustian talent for epigram is usually tempered by charity. To call Bert Ewart, sometime Australian External Affairs Minister, "self-assertive and devoid of charm" is as lenient as it is well expressed; "cantankerous and maddening" words applied to the Duke of Windsor on 19th July 1940, would have been equally appropriate. Generally his characterizations, whether of the flamboyant Keynes or Liddell Hart in defeatist mood, or the "vain-glorious" Montgomery, are temperate and balanced. Vanity is a vice he dislikes, and exposes, even in a man he so much admired as Chamberlain.

Forty years on when afar and ablunder

John Campbell

NOW THE WAR IS OVER
A Social History of Britain
1945-51
By Paul Addison
BBC/Cape, £10.95

It takes 40 years for a period to come into focus. Only after that lapse of time do the memories of those who lived through events begin to be synthesized and supplemented by the work of historians too young to remember them. Suddenly the late Forties have swum into the range of this biocular vision. By television programmes, commercially-contrived "nostalgia" and solemn ceremonies of remembrance, the generation who fought and survived the war are led to relive the momentous landmarks of their youth - D-Day, VE-Day, Labour's election victory, Hiroshima; while simultaneously their children, the generation born in those very years, are unearthing in the Public Record Office and other storehouses of the written truth plans, provisions and precautions known at the time only to very few. Paul Addison's new book is an almost perfect marriage of these two processes.

At one level it is simply a riveting good read, memory-jogging or eye-opening account of one's age and "nostalgia" chapters plainly corresponding to the eight television episodes, illuminated by vivid interviews and a wealth of exceptionally well-chosen photographs. Dr Addison takes us through the trials and triumphs of the period, all seen primarily from below as they affected ordinary people in their daily lives. At another level, though, there is a serious historical argument being deployed. In some respects the historian is inhibited by the requirements of his documentary format. The best passages in the book are when Dr Addison allows his own deeply-felt commitment to the achievement of the period to show through.

For 20 years that achievement was almost universally regarded as a beneficent and typically British revolution which laid the foundation for an unprecedented age of prosperity and civil harmony. Recently, as both have faltered, the post-war settlement has come under attack from all sides as the root of all our ills. Too much socialism, says the new right; socialism betrayed, cry the left. By reminding us of the overwhelming problems the Attlee Government faced, Dr Addison puts the tremendous improvements it wrought back into a true perspective. He also reminds us that the result was not "socialism" as Labour Ministers had always envisaged it. From Attlee's Hailbury and Limehouse areas of service and fair play to Beria's autodidactic Welsh Marxism, they all looked forward to a society culturally and morally elevated by collectivism. They were unprepared for the discovery that all people wanted to do when rationing was lifted was enjoy themselves.

From a pocket of nationalism in Germany-occupied Russia during the Second World War spread the events and loyalties which culminate in the tragedy at the heart of Thomas Kenally's fine new novel, *A Family Madness*. Based on an actual incident reported in Sydney, Kenally's story illustrates an innocent if brash new world contaminated by old-world sins.

Terry Delaney, a married security officer and semi-professional rugby player goes to work for the Belorussian Kabbal family, father, two sons, and a daughter with whom he becomes involved. Their family history is interspersed throughout the contemporary narrative providing fascinating glimpses into the motivations and home life of Rudi's father, a man who played at politics for high stakes. In exchange for a spurious promise of independence to work for the Belorussian Kabbal family, father, two sons, and a daughter with whom he becomes involved. Their family history is interspersed throughout the contemporary narrative providing fascinating glimpses into the motivations and home life of Rudi's father, a man who played at politics for high stakes. In exchange for a spurious promise of independence to work for the Belorussian Kabbal family, father, two sons, and a daughter with whom he becomes involved. 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Neil goes to Liverpool

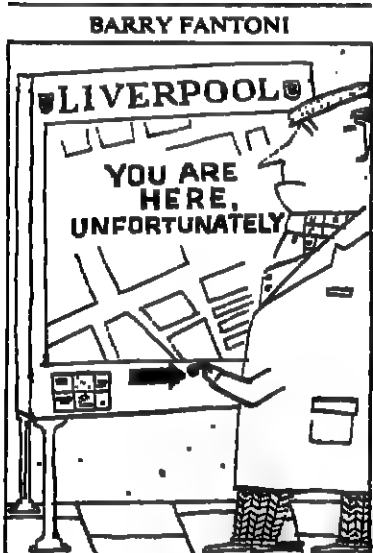
Neil Kinnock is really taking the battle to the enemy. Having caused a conference sensation by denouncing Liverpool's ruling Militants on Tuesday, he has now, I learn, agreed to enter the lions' den itself. He has accepted an invitation from the left-wing, but non-Militant, Merseyside County Council to visit Liverpool on October 21. Will he meet Derek Hatton and company at City Hall? "We shall see," said his press officer, Patricia Hewitt, yesterday. One group he almost certainly will meet is the Black Caucus. This group is at war with the city council over the appointment of Sam Bond, a Militant supporter from Brent, as the city's race relations adviser.

Cold print

There is risk attached to the posed publicity shot, so beloved by politicians at party conferences. Labour's new general secretary, Larry Whitty, and employment spokesman John Smith, decided to endure an early morning swim in the chilly English Channel yesterday morning for the sake of the cameras. Sadly just one newspaper, the *Daily Telegraph*, turned up. The two politicians bravely performed regardless.

Red hot tapes

Neil Kinnock's oratorical tours de force have not just raised party morale. They are also raising funds. The capitalist entrepreneur who in previous years has made handsome profits by selling tapes of conference speeches has been barred this year. The party is producing tapes itself. Demand for Kinnock's speech denouncing Liverpool Militants is even after three reprints - proving quite insatiable.



Educating Maggie

Margaret Thatcher will not be able to ignore Neil Kinnock after his performance this week. But it was not always so. Just before the 1983 election, one political editor was interviewing her when news of Kinnock's Kins-on-Green gaffe reached her. Outraged, she asked who had made the remark. "Mr Kinnock," replied Derek Howe, her parliamentary liaison officer. "Who?" she replied. "Mr Kinnock," he repeated. "Oh, Mr Kinnock. He's the spokesman for... Education," said Howe helpfully.

Dramatic Rolex

Reader Julie Rooth reports a flaw in the otherwise excellent Anthony Quayle production of *The Tempest* at the Theatre Royal in Bath. Sebastian had just cried: "Look! He's winding up the watch of his wit," when by some subliminal association the grief-stricken King of Naples, played by Tony Britton, glanced at his wrist. The king turned his back to the audience, rolled on to the floor and - issuing a series of anguished sob - slipped off the offending Rolex.

Life and soul

Today's confidential memo from BBC radio comes the schoolmasterly pen of an External Broadcasting controller, David Witherow. He calls on M.D.X.B., S.Pers.O.S., S.A. to Ch.Pers. O.X.B. and H.M.X.B.P. (whoever they are) to make known the need for restraint at BBC Christmas parties. Permission must be sought, guest lists kept within reason, agreed ending times observed and "if alcoholic drinks are to be served... a senior member of staff must undertake to stay to the end of the party to see that it is properly conducted". He adds: "These rulings need not, I hope, put a damper on the proceedings".

● The peacenik career of the foreign secretary's son continues apace. I am told Alec Howe has just been interviewed by the soon-to-be-launched nuclear freeze campaign for the post of press officer.

Deserting rat

Those who sat through April's debate at the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising are smirking at the news of Roland Rat's defection to the BBC. Michael Grade, controller of BBC1, speaking against ads on the corporation, regaled the debate audience with an account of TV-am's early history. "And so the mission to explain dissolved and soon began a downward spiral of quality until Roland Rat entered to save the sinking ship." Looks as if Roland's spotted another.

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Don't theorize - organize

by Ken Livingstone

Despite the excitement of the week in Bournemouth, the Labour Party has once again failed to use the opportunity of Annual Conference to discuss the substantial organizational problems facing the party. No one could be more interested in the debates over party policy than I am; indeed there are those who say I am too interested. I join in the arguments and pore over the minutiae of National Executive Committee statements with the best. But there does come a point - and second term seems as good a time as any - when the party as a whole needs to consider its electoral machinery. All party members should ask themselves - does our organization work, and are our attitudes right?

We need to ask why, for a party which seeks to represent the mass of our people, our membership is so unrepresentative of our voters and supporters. What is it about the party that puts off so many from joining?

Take the black sections debate. The point at which this became an ideological dogfight between left and right was the point at which sensible discussion around the real issues became impossible. The fact is that many Asian and Afro-Caribbean voters believe they are not welcome in the party, that they don't have a stake in it. Because the party has no accurate membership profiles, there's no way of telling how many

black members we have, but any calculation would suggest they are under-represented. On the other hand some blacks feel strongly that they do not want to be hived off into separate sections. Instead of using the opportunity to discuss the real issue of institutional racism, and how the party can become more responsive, it has degenerated into a slanging match.

All the evidence is that our macho style of politics at constituency meetings puts women off. Branch meetings are held at exactly the times when child care eats up women's time. How many constituencies take this into account and arrange childcare? How many male activists - who happily mouth off about women's rights - have considered whether their attitudes and behaviour constitute one of the prime reasons for the absence of women members?

The party is still trying to win elections with a ramshackle structure, made up of inefficiencies. Despite all the brave words about reorganization of head office, the new team there is beginning to look like the old mixture. The party's regional offices are still used predominantly to police the constitution, instead of as campaigning organizers. There are no plans for a massive recruitment drive. The real possibilities opened up when the

party agreed to workplace branches have been wasted.

It is incredible that with a maximum of 22 months before the next election this week's conference is not discussing these matters. We remain an inward-looking party with an increasingly bunker mentality. We seem incapable of engaging people's energies, enthusiasms and skills. We fail to reach people on the issues they care about. Why, for example, was it left to Live Aid to show that compassion and caring can be harnessed so powerfully? Why is the party not developing organizational links with those pressure groups and voluntary bodies whose concerns are the same as ours?

The new NEC elected this week must address these matters as a priority. We want head office and the regional structure turned into an efficient machine that can get on with the job of electing Labour. For too long head office seems to have been more concerned with servicing an interminable number of NEC committees. The NEC will need to determine priorities within tight budgetary constraints - and let regions and constituents in on the secret so that they can play their part in establishing the party as the only credible and coherent alternative government.

We need imagination and flair to capture people's commitment. There is an enormous pool of talented artists who would give their services. Our experience with the GLC Jobs Festivals shows just how impressive an audience can be reached in these ways. Voluntary effort in other fields - particularly in helping to give our campaigning and publicity materials a professional touch - must be tapped.

Our appeal should be more subtle and wide-ranging than in the past. We have to target voting groups more effectively and develop sub-themes which appeal to those too often ignored - or those who feel the party is not interested in them. The policies of this government have been in direct conflict with the interests of the vast majority of people in this country. The policies of the SDP and the Liberals will have the same effect. There is no evidence whatsoever that progressive left policies themselves alienate voters - the GLC experience is all to the contrary. It is the overall image - whether people believe the party has the answers and can govern the country effectively and compassionately - that counts. Labour will only win the next election if the party thinks seriously about how it becomes an efficient machine that can win elections.

The author, leader of the GLC, is the prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for Brent East.

Sarah Hogg on why the Star Chamber, selected today, is still necessary

The autumn sound of falling budgets

We cannot, it seems, do without the "Star Chamber". Yet again this small committee of senior Cabinet ministers is to dispense rough justice in the matter of public spending, taking over where the Treasury has failed to resolve differences and leaving Mrs Thatcher to act as a final judge only for those ministers with the temerity to appeal unto Caesar.

As each minister's turn comes before the Star Chamber, the traditional autumn sounds of departmental politicking will be heard. Skilled campaigners will choose their moment to let it be known that such-and-such a hospital is under threat; that another block of public housing is about to collapse; that flight commanders have run out of fuel. This is the peak of the battle for Treasury resources, and all's fair in the public spending war.

Since the government is attempting nothing more dramatic than to hold to targets long agreed by the Cabinet, it might seem extraordinary that each struggle should be such a cliffhanger. One excuse is that the margin of disagreement sounds larger than it is. This year it began at about £5 billion, was fairly painlessly reduced to £3 billion and is now down to about £1 billion. Big money, maybe, but in the end only about three-quarters of a per cent of the planned total of £139 billion. (Not many big contractors in Britain (let alone your local builder) can be relied on to stick that close to target.)

This excuse, however, will not quite wash. For this budget battle is going on before the spending starts. It relates to the plans for 1986-87. The total will finally include a "reserve" of about £5 billion intended to cover unforeseen extras incurred when the new financial year is actually under way.

The Thatcher government has invested a lot of its financial credibility in the attempt to leave spending targets unchanged from year to year. Its last real failure was in late 1981, when the target for the following financial year had to be raised by £5 billion. Since then, plans have remained set in concrete - even if actual expenditure overshoots the target, as it did in the special coal-strike circumstances of 1984-85.

Yet often, the autumn negotiations have been overshadowed by the struggle to stay within limits for the year already under way. This year, in an attempt to damp down the usual autumn rumours that expenditure was out of control, the Chancellor jacked up his "reserve". In consequence, the City has remained remarkably calm. All eyes are fixed on the battle for 1986-87. Next year's target will undoubtedly be hard to meet. The first difficulty is that all the easy options have been exhausted by 10 years of struggle. It was in 1975 that Denis Healey and Joel Barnett first cut back spending, to an extent never

matched by any of Mrs Thatcher's Treasury ministers.

Second, the search has been conducted in ways that pervasively made the options harder. If the supply of public cash is squeezed, without any corresponding measures to increase the efficiency with which it is used, the result will inevitably be cuts in services.

But why have there been such squeezes, when the real cost of public spending has risen 1.5 per cent a year? The third reason for trouble is a shift in the pattern of spending. Defence costs more; housing has had to put up with less. Health more; education less.

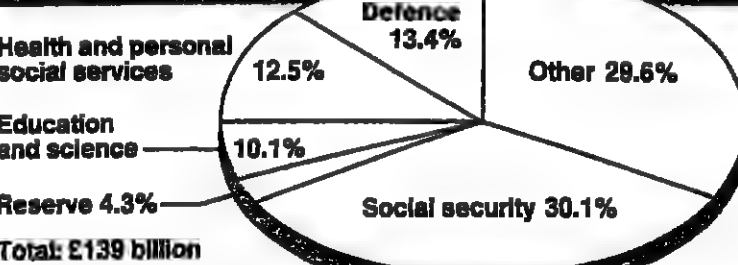
This leads to the fourth source of pressure. Demands for money are based on very different arguments. The health budget may have risen but all the health authorities can see is that the number of elderly, the demand for care and the possibilities of saving life have all increased much faster. On the other hand, teachers see falling school rolls not as a reason for lower budgets but as an opportunity to improve the

service. In the eyes of both groups, spending has been cut.

But the fifth difficulty is perhaps the most acute. These immutable plans are written in shifting sand. Apart from the extra £2 billion added to the reserve, the total Treasury is struggling to hold for next year was first published in early 1984. By the time it ends, the forecasts on which it was based will be more than three years old.

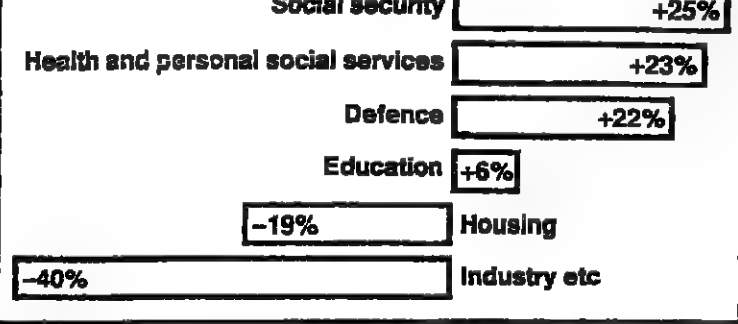
Sometimes, reality will have turned out to be better than forecast. Inflation, for a time, fell faster than the Treasury predicted. But wages rose quite as fast, if not faster, so the pressure on the public sector wage bill was just as intense. And this year, inflation itself rose more than the Treasury forecast. Although it is expected to subside back on track this year, it has pushed up the baseline for public spending. The problem, compounded by the issue of post-dated pay promises to public employees when this year's allowance proved inadequate. Output also rose faster than forecast, but unemployment rose even faster.

SHARES IN PUBLIC SPENDING PLANS 1986-87



Total: £139 billion

PLANNED CHANGES, 1983-84 to 1987-88



Cheaper fare, but still unfair

Nicholas Bethell explains why he is taking
British Airways to court

Anyone would think, judging from British Airways press releases and certain travel articles, that the age of the Airbus A300-600 is upon us. The new Anglo-Dutch agreement, we are told, enables us to fly from London to Amsterdam and back for a mere £55. Agreements with Germany and Luxembourg are also lowering prices and the way has been paved for accord between EEC countries during the organization's forthcoming Dutch and British presidencies.

If I could believe we really were on the threshold of a true common market in European air travel, I would. But I don't and that is why my writ, alleging violation of the competition articles of the Treaty of Rome will be served on BA today.

BA threw away the opportunity given it by the government last year to pioneer free competition. Instead of simply lowering its tariffs on the Amsterdam route, it signed an agreement with KLM, the only other airline flying the route out of Heathrow, to fix identical fares and pool their revenue. This agreement is illegal, I believe, and it keeps tickets to the Netherlands either more expensive or more restricted than they would otherwise be.

BA and KLM keep the no-strings-attached return fare at £162, which is, according to British Midland Airways chairman Michael Bishop, 20-25 per cent higher than it would be in a free market. BA's reply is that it has introduced a "brave new

fare" on the route - the double standby at £55 (formerly £49) return. It is a magnificent price, the brightest jewel in BA's crown.

It is presented as a revolutionary breakthrough, a giant step. It turns out to be of use, however, only to a small minority of travellers.

The number of seats available at £55 on any given flight is a commercial secret but demand often exceeds supply. Reservations can be made no earlier than the day before departure, and the fare cannot be booked on the telephone.

A successful passenger, armed with his £55 ticket, finds that his troubles are less than half over. The standby reservation covers only the outward journey. The return has to be booked in Amsterdam, again no earlier than the day before departure. Anyone finding the small allocation of standby seats already taken for the day or time required then realizes that the return half of his £55 ticket is virtually useless. He will be invited to buy a Eurobudget or Club ticket and pay for it in Dutch florins - £74 or £86 one way.

Admittedly, the £55 fare has attracted more London-Amsterdam passengers. Traffic on all airlines went up 16 per cent last year, against 10 per cent on other top routes. But

this is less impressive in view of the opportunities that a virtually free market offers on Europe's second most popular route after London to Paris.

British Caledonian, which offers a less complicated £55 fare, bookable both ways in London, and an even more flexible "time flyer" return fare of between £69 and £109, achieved a 22 per cent increase in the same period, despite being confined to Gatwick. If BA has competed with KLM out of Heathrow, rather than carving the route up between them, real progress would have been possible.

When British Midland first tried to introduce cheaper fares and better service on flights from London to Glasgow, Edinburgh and Belfast, BA tried to block by High Court action. BA later introduced a "Super Shuttle" which matched British Midland's fares.

British Midland survived BA's onslaught, including the use of Concordes on 400-mile domestic flights. British Midland now charges a £61 single fare on its three main routes and £59 on the 240-mile Heathrow-Teeside flight. BA's Heathrow-Paris Club fare is £89 for 209 miles.

Before British Midland's inter-

vention, BA served no refreshments on its shuttle flights. Now both airlines provide seat allocation, breakfast in the morning and drinks in the evening, as well as cheaper fares. These are the benefits of competition.

British Midland is applying to fly Heathrow-Amsterdam at fares much lower than the £162 return set by BA and KLM. If the Civil Aviation Authority gives permission, BA may well fight back, as it did over domestic routes.

The £55 fare would be the ideal weapon in a price war. It is very flexible, and by increasing its availability during British Midland's crucial first months on the route, BA and KLM could preserve their domination of the route.

This is why I believe that the BA-KLM agreement must be challenged under European law as soon as possible. A court decision that such agreements between airlines are unlawful will also help "liberal" Britain and Holland overcome the inertia to change that is embedded in the other eight EEC governments.

Nicholas Ridley, the transport minister, who now agrees that the Treaty of Rome's competition rules apply to air transport, would improve his own consistency if he outlawed such agreements.

Lord Bethell is Conservative MEP for London North-West and chairman of the Freedom of the Skies campaign.

Ronald Butt

A flaw Kinnock cannot master

Labour's basic problem is the creed which has traditionally provided its inspiration. It is, in principle, a socialist party, and the British people are deeply anti-socialist because they understand socialism to be statist and therefore damaging to democracy.

When they have voted Labour into power it has been because they were sure this principle would be practised only marginally. They gave Labour its 1945 landslide victory because the performance of Clement Attlee and his colleagues in the wartime coalition was evidence of their moderation as well as of their patriotism.

The socialist extremism of much pre-war Labour rhetoric (including Attlee's) seemed a thing of the past. The people wanted social reform and a welfare state of some sort, and Labour seemed more likely than the Tories to apply the Beveridge principle wholeheartedly. If there was to be some nationalization of basic industries in need of regeneration, and of utilities which were natural monopolies, why not? A pragmatically mixed economy would not be genuinely socialist. Labour was elected as a reformist party inheriting the mantle of Lloyd George Liberalism.

Even so, it was quickly evident that the electors disliked the more socialist aspects of its policy. In every subsequent election until the two most recent, nationalization in particular has therefore been softened. Harold Wilson won power in 1963 on a programme of social democracy, with planning by co-operation rather than compulsion and intervention paid for painlessly by economic growth.

The second Wilson-Callaghan administration took office after many unions had come under much more left-wing management, and had gained new aggressive power from their defeat of the Heath government. Labour allowed the unions to determine much of its policy in the hope of an anti-inflationary deal on pay and productivity, but the hope was vain and the Callaghan government lost office as a result of disruptive union action.

The socialist left was capturing the places of power in the party and the old left connived at heavy Marxist infiltration. Under Michael Foot, Labour turned into a fundamentally socialist party. The defeats of 1979 and 1983, and the emergence of the Alliance, marked the nation's rejection of what Labour had become.

Since then the hard left has become harder. It has carved out power for itself in some local authorities and used it arbitrarily. It is openly contemptuous of parliamentary government. Scargill has likewise tried to use union power to destroy an elected government. Neil Kinnock knows that unless he can reestablish Labour's democratic credentials it will again

be defeated, and may then disintegrate. Hence his attack this week on the vicious abuse of power in Liverpool and his resistance yesterday to the miners' demands.

Kinnock's belated stand is merely the minimum needed for Labour to stay in serious political business. Though he can declare his own and his colleagues' position he cannot change the character of the party. He was given overwhelming support for his attack on Derek Hatton of Liverpool. But Hatton's is a minority cause even on the Labour left, and yesterday it was Arthur Scargill who had the standing ovation of the majority of delegates and was plainly closest to the party's heart.

Kinnock has at last unambiguously condemned the methods of the miners' strike. But the electorate will remember that he was not as forthright while the damage was being done.

The voters understand, too, not least from this conference, the anti-democratic urges which are so widespread in the activists' Labour Party, which would be holding a knife to Kinnock's back if he became prime minister. A democratic party is not likely to be attracted by a party which votes to indemnify lawbreakers retrospectively, which enthusiastically applauds a delegate for talking about the "so-called terrorists" in Ulster and the "terrorist in 10 Downing Street", and which passes a resolution saying that police activities during the miners' strike highlighted "the trend to an authoritarian state and requiring the police to be placed under directly elected political representatives," such as Ken Livingstone or Paul Boateng.

Labour's parliamentary leaders only stand against the anti-democratic demands of the dominant activists when they have no alternative. Too often they simply too ready to extremist demands, giving no comfort to the decent people who remain in the party. Thus Gerald Kaufman, the shadow home secretary, was content to support the demand for police accountability to elected (political) bodies and to try to please his audience by saying that the two police chiefs, Sir Kenneth Newman and James Anderson, must cease political intervention.

To get anywhere in the present Labour Party, its politicians must abase themselves to intolerant attitudes which they must despise. They must yield to demands for a socialist state which they know the people do not want. Then, if they get power, they will resist the extremist forces which their connivance has helped enchain.

Kinnock is to be praised for a brave fight this week. But Labour's voters will not easily be persuaded that he has a democratic party behind him, or have much confidence in his assertion that under socialism the state would be their servant. Their historical instinct is that it would be their master.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Time to clear your grotto now

The summer gardening season is now almost at an end (writes Compost) but this does not mean that we can relax our vigilance. Today I would like to give you a small series of hints on how to prepare your garden or parkland for the coming autumn.

Herbs, first of all. The pots of parsley, mint, chives, basil, etc which have so delighted your visitors during the summer months should now be taken back to the garden centre from which you hired them for the season. In the unlikely event that you grew them yourself, now is the time to have one last glorious herb soup or salad. This is done by clipping off all the green bits and eating them. Some gardeners like to convert their herbs into herbal soap, but personally I find the routine of washing your face in the morning and finding lots of green particles stuck to your features more of a chore than a pleasure.

Leaves are a problem. For reasons best known to itself, nature has decreed that all the leaves should fall at one time of the year, blocking drains and covering flower beds. The normal solution - spreading sheets of polythene under all your trees and catching leaves for disposal by the refuse people - is not always practicable for those with more than 10 acres to deal with. This year I am adapting the stubble-burning technique beloved of our farmers, and attempting to set fire to the leaves while still on the trees, after spraying them with an inflammable mixture from a light aircraft. I will let you know how this works out.

Annuals should now be rooted out, and so should biennials and perennials if you have got sick of them. But what to replace them with? Readers often complain to me, quite correctly, that garden flowers are always attacked by slugs, insects, flies and so on, which seems comparatively unheeded. I sometimes detect a lingering desire among readers to go over wholly to the cultivation of weeds, in the knowledge that they will flourish bountifully and unchecked.

This tendency should be strongly resisted. The logical thing to do is introduce into your garden breeds of insect which have been trained to prefer weeds to flowers. After some years of research at the Moreover Laboratories we have now perfected many weed-loving insects and snails, and now is the time to implant them into your garden so that next year your flowers will be free from attack. Write me if you recover for details of these revolutionary little beasts.

Your birds of passage will soon be preparing for the long trip south. If they have not gone already, and these should be correctly labelled and equipped for the arduous journey. Many a southward bound migrant bird has had its life saved in the Sahara Desert by a packet of flies thoughtfully tied to its legs by an English gardener. Two words of warning: don't overload the bird, so that it is condemned to fly through France at 100 feet, or it will surely be shot by a French "sportsman". And don't mistakenly label birds that are spending the winter here: nothing confuses a British bird more than flying round the Home Counties during the winter months with a small label reading "South Africa non-stop".

Many of you with larger gardens or parks will have pieces of priceless statuary littered through your ornamental walks. These should be taken in for the winter, cleaned and clearly labelled with the name of the ancestor they are meant to represent, or the immortal scene from Greek mythology in which they are involved. It is normal to put one or two on the market for American collectors, so that a collection can be raised to keep this part of the English heritage in the country - always good for a few thousand quid.

Gazebos, pergolas, grottoes and ha-ha should be stripped, repainted, refurbished and weather-proofed. If you are not sure what any of these are, or if you have any, consult a good dictionary. Hours of fun are guaranteed as you get side-tracked on to other words which are never used outside Scrabble or Anthony Burgess novels. If you have a hermit living in your grotto, he should be brought inside for the winter now; alternatively, his life insurance premiums should be increased.

Finally, all apple trees, plum trees, nut trees, in fact fruit trees of any kind, should be grubbed up and destroyed. This is because you are almost certainly breaking some Common Market regulation simply by growing them. If in doubt, send to me for a free copy of the EEC booklet: "Why your harmless old-fashioned apple tree is endangering civilization as we know it, oh yes it is, and you could be fined thousands of pounds."

Oh, and don't forget to send away your mower for servicing now. It won't be serviced any earlier than if you wait till next summer, but at least that gets it out of the house.

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BUT CAN THE PARTY CHANGE?

Mr Kinnock yesterday raised the stakes in his psychological struggle with the forces of Labour's anti-democratic left. His target the day before had been the easier one of Mr Derek Hatton, who is unloved even by many on Labour's left. Yesterday Mr Kinnock's fire was directed at the much more formidable figure of Mr Scargill with his powerful allies among other over-mighty trade union barons. Mr Scargill also has the support of the great majority of Labour constituency activists as the avocation given him yesterday showed. It was also fore-ordained that he would win the card vote on his demand that his union should be retroactively reimbursed for its fines during the miners' strike. Mr Kinnock might, therefore, have contented himself with taking his stand on respect for the law and on the absurdity of supposing that Labour could be elected to power if it so demonstrated contempt for the law.

Mr Kinnock, however, went further. He took the war into Mr Scargill's camp, assailing him for his conduct of the strike, for calling it without a ballot and at the wrong time of the year; for denying the miners' unity and solidarity; and for having as his tactics nothing but mass picketing. The strike, Mr Kinnock said contemptuously, was never really thought out.

Why did he not say all that while the strike was on? He might then have helped prevent much waste and anguish. Still, late is better than never, and Mr

Kinnock must be applauded for a brave stand. Naturally, it gives rise to comparisons with Gaitskell's fight against his party conference. Yet the differences between the two cases are greater and more instructive than the similarities.

First, whereas Gaitskell fought on a clear and single issue of policy — multilateral nuclear disarmament against the conference's unilateralism — Mr Kinnock fights not on a central point of policy but to resist an attempt by a sectarian element in the party to commit a Labour government to a blatant exercise of interest politics designed to register the power of the unions against the law. It is none the less important for that. Indeed, it symbolizes the extent to which the left has ceased to occupy itself much with the details of policy which were once its battleground. Instead, it concentrates on extra-parliamentary action intended to undermine the social fabric. Mr Kinnock sees that this must be resisted, but it is something much harder to come to grips with than a dispute over policy carried on within the usual party channels.

Secondly, Gaitskell had allies in the parliamentary party and the unions who were prepared to campaign actively to reverse the conference decision, and a year later succeeded. He had union supporters who were prepared to throw their resources and their influence behind him. Above all, perhaps, he had a movement to recapture the constituency parties

for moderate Labour politics — the Campaign for Democratic Socialism.

There is no such resistance today. It is true that in one or two union leaders, notably Mr Eric Hammond, Mr Kinnock has similar allies. But it is by no means clear that Mr Hammond (the delegates revealed their true disposition by howling him down yesterday) is as prepared to dissipate his energies on internal Labour party fighting to the extent that the Gaitskellite union leaders were. Mr Hammond's members, with their rising standards and sense of responsibility, have other priorities. Nor is there any sign of a movement to recapture control of Labour constituencies for moderation.

Yet their recapture is all the more important now that they have the power, under the reselection procedure for MPs, gradually to recast the parliamentary party itself in their own anti-democratic image. If they succeed, Mr Kinnock, who already lacks colleagues of stature who are committed to moderation, will have no base from which to fight.

If his struggle is to amount to more than words, the Labour constituency parties must be won back to democratic politics and removed from the control of extremist infiltrators who do not represent Labour voters. Unfortunately, nobody in the Labour party seems to work as hard at this as the infiltrators themselves.

WE ARE ALL MONETARISTS NOW

The appointment of Professor Brian Griffiths to head the Policy Unit at Downing Street has been portrayed as if some kind of "monetarist guru" had to be brought in to resuscitate the principles of a doctrine now said to be discredited. The Professor certainly believes that sound money policies are the essential ingredient in the fight against inflation. Moreover he seems to appreciate more profoundly than most politicians or economists that inflation is not a reputable policy option for governments but is at heart a moral issue since any policy of deliberate inflation relies on an act of deceit at the very heart of government, corrupting the whole policy as a result, and literally stealing unadmitted money from the taxpayer.

If Professor Griffiths' arrival at the heart of government results in a renewed sense of discipline and urgency to fight inflation so much the better, since self-discipline is all that the western governments were left with in August 1971 when President Nixon suspended the dollar's convertibility into gold. What he referred to as a "temporary suspension" has so far lasted fourteen years, giving rise to many of the problems confronting the world's finance ministers and bankers attending the annual World Bank/IMF jamboree in South Korea.

The essence of the Bretton Woods system which was abandoned in 1971 was that the

dollar was tied to gold and other currencies were tied to the dollar. That system gave the world twenty six years which, compared to the last fourteen, were models of stability and prosperity.

Gold was the anchor for the world's monetary arrangements. Its logic was that the quality of paper money should be related to the quantity of a commodity in limited supply. Given the small annual increase in the stock of gold the world money supply was constrained and inflation-controlled. Monetarism merely tries to reproduce this discipline on the basis that the growth of money stock should be restricted to the growth of underlying productive capacity. If money growth and production are kept in proper balance prices would then be stable.

Monetarism, based on this simple principle, has been adopted in all the major industrial countries and increasingly among developing countries trying to repair the ravages of the last fourteen years. It is the only available technique to fight inflation in a world without a gold-based currency. Mr Healey brought it to Britain in 1976. Has he so quickly forgotten that in his diatribes against "punk monetarism"?

The Thatcher government is thus not alone in its application of monetary principles to contain inflation. These international policies have been very effective when one remembers

that price increases in the mid-seventies, 1980 and 1981, were more than ten per cent in the industrial world, whereas this year will be under five per cent — three per cent in the United States, two per cent in West Germany and nil in Japan. There can thus be no letting up here in Britain, and at Seoul finance ministers and bankers should attend to that other major source of damage to most economies: high interest rates.

In the United States government bonds yield more than ten per cent in spite of the lowest inflation rate there since 1967. It is the same story elsewhere. Savers and investors appear prepared to borrow money at such a high level of real interest because in their hearts they do not believe that governments have the continuing self-discipline to keep down inflation. High rates aggravate the burden of public and private borrowing. Growth is then inhibited because the dollar is kept artificially high, leading to protectionist noises on Capitol Hill and the threat of a reduction in world trade. A task for those who attend the meeting at Seoul is to clarify their minds about the causes and dangers of high real interest rate "to that the international financial community can work as one to reducing the burden. There is no instant solution to be found in declarations about the American economy; but the more that Washington can be convinced of this paramount need to tackle high interest rates the better.

DANGER: MEN DUMPING

Two years ago a consultative meeting of the contracting parties to the convention on the prevention of marine pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter, the London Dumping Convention for short, agreed by majority vote to call for a two-year moratorium on the dumping of low-level radioactive waste at sea. The marine dumping of high-level nuclear waste was banned absolutely at the outset in 1972.

Last week another consultative meeting decided by a similar majority to prolong the moratorium indefinitely; to alter the burden of proof for lifting the moratorium, from a requirement to show that there is no evidence that the practice as controlled is harmful, to a requirement to prove that it is safe; and to bring into the reckoning political, legal and social considerations as well as scientific and technical ones. A move to make the ban absolute and binding, as for high-level waste, failed. The vexed question of whether the emplacement of high-level waste deep in the seabed counts as dumping and is therefore forbidden by the convention was postponed to another year.

The British Government does not hold itself bound by the moratorium, which is without legal effect. That was the Government's position in 1983, but it reckoned without the National Union of Seamen and other transport unions which refused to handle the stuff. It then shelved its dumping plans and agreed to re-examine the environmental issues in company with the TUC.

The completion of that study, with a comparison of dumping

on sea and land to find the best environmental option, is expected before Christmas. So is a report on the same subject by a Commons select committee. Meanwhile Nirex, the agency that co-ordinates the disposal of all except high-level nuclear waste in the United Kingdom, is about to announce a shortlist of land sites. The one earmarked at Billingham in Cleveland was renounced earlier this year in the face of local opposition. Similar rejections can be expected elsewhere. With land plans more or less stalled, the nuclear industry and its ministerial sponsors are keen to keep the marine option open, with the co-operation of the transport unions if possible, more likely without it.

It used to be thought that the immensity of the ocean would dilute and render invisible and harmless anything thrown into it. It is now as commonly thought that the persistence of radioactivity makes even lightly contaminated material a hazard. Both opinions are extreme.

For more than two decades low-level radioactive waste has been dropped in controlled quantities into a designated area in the Atlantic equidistant from Spain and Ireland some 3,000 square kilometres in extent and some 4,000 metres deep. Regular monitoring of the water and marine life adjacent to the site has shown no sign of exceptional radioactivity. The potential collective dose implicated is small in comparison with natural background radiation on land or sea. Models incorporating hypothetical pathways, not known at present, by which radionuclides could lead to human exposure

do not significantly alter the picture.

This is not a guarantee of safety. Twenty years' experience is slight beside the duration of radioactivity. Continuous monitoring is essential, and refinement of techniques. It is right to be wary of anything to do with radiation. But policy must be founded not in irrational dread but on a cautious assessment of the evidence of contemporary science. That foundation does not bear the weight of a total ban on low-level ocean dumping. The Government is justified in keeping the option open.

However, any nation embarking on a nuclear programme should be prepared to consume its own waste. If it is politically incapable of doing so, it should reconsider the suitability of its programme. Ocean dumping within limits may be environmentally more suited to very bulky, lightly-contaminated material, like the fabric of a demolished nuclear power station. But it is not just a convenience for people who are too scared to see to the disposal of any of their own nuclear waste in their own ground.

As for high-level radioactive material, it is at present stored temporarily at nuclear installations, which is the best place for it for fifty years or so. Since it needs to be isolated from the biosphere for hundreds of thousands of years, it is better that it should be retrievable from its ultimate place of disposal in case of later leaching or worse. Until the technology of seabed emplacement admits of that it cannot be considered an appropriate method.

Effect of rates on business

From the President of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce

Sir, Those of us responsible for managing companies in areas with high rates are regularly bombarded with studies conducted by eminent academicians such as Mr Fothergill and Ms Monk (September 27) purporting to show that the level of rates does not affect our businesses or the number of people we employ. Indeed a more recent study conducted by the Labour Research Department for the Sheffield Council showed that the more money the council spends, the happier and more prosperous we all shall be.

These studies have one thing in common, notably a marked reluctance to represent the views of those companies who are actually paying these rates. Study after study conducted by the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce amongst our members has shown that the level of rates has an enormous impact on longer term investment in the city and that the full effects of this may not be seen for several years.

There may be valid arguments against centralising control of business rates, for chambers such as ours may no longer have the incentive to become involved at local level in the way we have tried to do in the past two years. However, no one need be surprised at the emergence of this proposal, given the irresponsible attitude which some local authorities have shown towards the management of their financial affairs and the scant regard they have paid to the views of industry and commerce.

Yours sincerely,
P. J. FORD, President,
Sheffield Chamber of Commerce,
Commerce House,
Earl Street,
Sheffield,
South Yorkshire,
September 30.

Harrington question

From the Chairman of the Inner London Education Authority

Sir, Your leading article of September 24 is guilty of distorting the facts on the recent report of the Polytechnic of North London in two significant respects. In the first place it seeks obliquely to impugn the independence of the report by suggesting, without any evidence, differences of view between Professor Dahrendorf, whom you rightly depict as courageous, and independent, and the other members, including the chairman, Miss Sheila Browne, the former senior chief inspector and present Principal of Newham College. All members of the committee signed the report.

Secondly, you complain that no mention is made of the role of the politicians of the ILEA. This is quite simply untrue. The report is clear: the committee paid particular attention to these allegations when it considered the relationship between the Polytechnic and the ILEA and has found no evidence of anything abnormal or improper. It is therefore irresponsible for *The Times* to say that Miss Browne and her colleagues did not mention this matter. They clearly did so and found no evidence for the criticism. You may not welcome their conclusion that there were no skeletons in this particular closet. That hardly is justification for saying that the report did not deal with the matter.

Yours faithfully,
ASHLEY BRAMALL, Chairman,
Inner London Education Authority,
The County Hall, SE1,
September 30.

Labour investment aim

From Mr David Lewis

Sir, The proposals (report, September 20) to effectively force substantial monies back into this country for directed investment, on the basis of tax penalties in the alternative, will surely be seen as a step backwards. Little evidence has ever been shown that viable and profitable projects cannot be adequately financed from existing sources.

The obvious effect of such directed investment will be monies put into projects which are less profitable than is desirable, with all the inefficiencies and subsidies that inevitably will accrue to any such proposal. One has only to refer to the consequences of the system of control of industrial development through the IDC requirements to understand what almost inevitably is likely to happen.

Investment directed to where the market does not want it to go will, in the end, fail or have to be subsidised so that other efficient enterprises are indirectly paying for them through taxation.

It is presumed that, if there are penalties for overseas investment from this country, on an equivalent basis incentives will be made available for those foreign bankers who choose to make money available in this country. One can imagine the lawyer. They, in practice, would prefer a barrier to be placed around this country restricting movements out and movements in.

The end result would inevitably be higher prices for lower quality, restriction of consumer choice, the expansion of inefficient industries and the penalising of efficient industries. A decade later the same voices will be protesting about the unemployment thus created in areas where the forced investment was directed.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LEWIS,
76 Gloucester Place, W1,
September 30.

A terminal condition for Liverpool

From the Reverend Peter Brain

Sir, Your readers learned last week that Liverpool's deprivation was on a par with that in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; now they are encouraged by your headline-writer (feature, October 1) to suppose that a Labour *putsch* — "Stand up to Liverpool's Militants" — will resolve the problem. Our church leaders are right to express a concern at a city tearing itself to pieces; their main point is still that additional resources are required.

It is because both sides have allowed the propaganda battle to interfere with the economic analysis that we are in this latest crisis. The city council "victory" of July, 1984, was modest enough in cash terms; indeed as a gesture to our fundamental problems it was meagre. Yet because of the political interpretation and repercussions even less national support has been forthcoming this year.

Our city's rate-support target was increased significantly less than the national average; our housing investment programme borrowing allocation was actually cut — only months after the secretary of state had been seen on television

admitting that things were worse than he had supposed.

The church leaders' point on local extremism is sound enough. There is another extremism, beguiling in its apparent common sense, which tells the city to "live within its means" when all the forces of history and geography, all the trends of industry and development are denying us those means. Where is this mythical frontier within which we have to balance our books?

All our older cities are facing this terminal condition. But, partly because it has a century-old dependence on the public sector and partly because it is the least English of all the cities, Liverpool will not "go gentle into that good night".

We may deplore the raging rhetoric, we may tremble at the latent violence, we may simply topple into despair, but (even admitting that Militant is part of the problem and not of the solution) we affirm it to be a national and not a local issue.

Yours sincerely,
PETER BRAIN,
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9 Barnhill Road, Liverpool.

Press move to Wapping

From the General Secretary of Sogat

Sir, The Tuesday edition of *The Times* carried the full text of the statement made by Mr Murdoch to the union general secretaries when he met them concerning his Wapping development. An unusual step, one might think, especially as a joint company and union press statement was issued after the meeting.

Mr Murdoch's statement reflected his assessment of the situation. Not surprisingly, we see the picture somewhat differently.

It is true that over the years increased jobs have been created on the *News of the World* and *Sun* newspapers — and equally true that the employees have contributed and worked to achieve that growth. And it is correct that investment has taken place — but equally it has to be accepted that the employees' efforts have helped the financial return on that investment, as the latest accounts of the company will show.

However, the appointment at Wapping of management with a record of anti-union attitudes, and the talk of considering alternative means of distribution, which could mean the loss of hundreds of jobs, does not help our members to have confidence in the concern expressed by management for them. And

certainly it does not assist the clerical union representatives who are trying hard to make progress to a sensible negotiated conclusion.

We welcome Mr Murdoch's declaration that he wishes to expand his UK newspaper interests and our members see themselves as very much a part of that expansion. Our newspaper industry is going through a difficult time, and the only way to respond and successfully deal with those difficulties — both for the employees and management — is to negotiate their way through them — and quickly.

The meeting with Mr Murdoch on Monday this week was the first positive step in the right direction after nearly a year of no talks at all. We have the commitment and good will to reach a successful conclusion. Mr Murdoch indicated he had, too, and if that joint goal will continue then an agreement with the unions on Wapping will emerge.

That would be good for the future of the company, whether you are Mr Murdoch who owns it or one of the thousands of employees whose livelihood and family depend upon it.

Yours etc,
BRENDA DEAN,
General Secretary,
Sogat,
273/288 London Road,
Huddersfield, Essex,
October 2.

Assisted places scheme

From Mr Clement Freud, MP for Cambridgeshire North East (Liberal)

Sir, The statements made about the assisted places scheme in your article on public schools (September 23) must not be allowed to go unchallenged.

When the scheme was first introduced, we were told that it would "rescue" bright children from inner cities. The rhetoric has now changed to relying solely upon income as the justification for that "rescue" bid. Lucy Hodges seems to have fallen for the Government's sophistry which would have us believe that income is a sufficient guarantee of educational need.

I do not doubt that the children concerned are hardworking and deserving; that parents are genuinely seeking the best for their children, as they see it; or that many of the schools are competent and caring.

But to assume that admitting children from low income households is necessarily equivalent to widening the social base is naive and falls for Government bluster. Philanthropy is no longer a purpose of the scheme; it is another part of the propaganda designed to undermine further the state system. Like all propaganda, it tends to go unexamined.

Yours etc,
CLEMENT FREUD,
House of Commons,
September 24.

Hung Parliament

From Mr R. R. Feilden

Sir, Following your leader of September 19 on the constitutional implications of a "hung" Parliament, it may be helpful to recall what happened after the general election of December, 1923. This seems to be the closest historical parallel to the scenario recently predicated by the Alliance leaders.

At that election the Conservatives won 258 seats to Labour's 191 with 150 Liberals holding the balance. At the strong behest of King George V the Conservative Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, remained in office until the next Parliament met in the following January.

The Conservatives were thereupon defeated on a Labour amendment to the King's Speech, supported by the majority of Liberal MPs. Baldwin immediately resigned and the King asked the Labour leader, Ramsay MacDonald, to form a Government. It is important to note that in sending for MacDonald the King did not consult Baldwin, nor, pace Mr David Steel, did he impose any conditions on the Labour leader.

A crucial part in these events was played by the Liberal leader, H. H. Asquith. He refused to do a deal with the Conservatives because of the issue of tariff reform, opposition to which had temporarily united the Liberal Party during the election campaign. He also believed that Labour must be given the chance to govern and that there was the best time for this to happen.

His actions, therefore, whatever their motives, lend no support for Dr David Owen's view that, in the event of a "hung" Parliament after the next election, negotiations for a

Electoral reform

From Mr Anthony Lester, QC

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Smith is right (September 24) to emphasise the need for the Alliance to ensure that its proposed reform of the electoral system and of other parts of our unwritten Constitution have wholehearted public consent.

The Social Democratic Lawyers' Association fully discussed the problem in its detailed proposals, "Reform of the Constitution" (June, 1982). We observed that no such reforms should be enacted lightly or in a partisan spirit: if they are imposed unilaterally by a government majority, other parties will be tempted to commit themselves to reversing them again if they are given the opportunity. Wide consultations and discussion should therefore precede the introduction of all such measures, and the widest spectrum of agreement to their provisions should be sought before they are carried through.

The present Government does not dare to consult the people about electoral reform or other constitutional change (notably incorporation of the European Human Rights Convention). An Alliance Government will need to do so. The British Human Rights Constitution is not the property of any one political party. And we aim to create a system which will be stable and enduring.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY LESTER (Chairman,
Social Democratic Lawyers' Association),
2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4.

New Government must begin with the leader of the party with the largest number of seats.

Yours sincerely,
R. R. FEILDEN,
Allfarthings,
West Street,
Mayfield,
East Sussex,
September 20.

A tourist cross

From Dr I. M. Brown and Mr Peter Davidson

Sir, One can only doubt whether any sorrier indictment could be found of the absence of decency or identity in Scotland than the sticker which the Scottish Tourist Board has distributed this summer.

This offensive object shows the Salfire, or Cross of St Andrew, the upper arms of the cross ending in hands and, above the rectangle of the flag, a fawning and grinning face. At the centre of the cross is the legend "Happy holidays". Various rainbows and the insane assertion "Scotland's for me!" complete the composition.

Quite apart from any feeling that this is a less than dignified adaptation of a national flag (one might imagine the Cross of St George similarly treated), it is perhaps no coincidence that this summer has been foul enough in Scotland to wash the "tourist industry" away.

This blasphemous parody of the crucifixion of the patron saint of Scotland can only demonstrate that the Scottish Tourist Board (a body who, had they a soul to sell, would already have disposed of it, preferably for dollars) have no respect

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 3 1923

Our Dramatic Critic was A. B. Walkley (1855-1926). The paper's first film critic (in 1927) was Percival Witherby (1871-1956) who combined it at job with lecturing to schools on the history of *The Times*.

MOTION-PICTURE PLEASURE.

THE DELIGHT OF SPEED.

(BY OUR DRAMATIC CRITIC.) "Motion pictures" is evidently the *chic* name for them, for Charlie Chaplin calls them by it. And it is the right name, too, for the chief pleasure they give is the pleasure of rapid motion.

On the film we are surprised and delighted by seeing human beings moving much more rapidly than they do in actual life. We gain thereby a new sense of freedom and power. We overcome vicariously the limitations of nature. We see a "gentle Knight" pricking on the plain, and he pricks at such a rate that his horse seems to fly and the plain to roll backwards. Escaping prisoners ascend flights of steps or leap from point to point of the battlements in a flash. Motor cars dash from New York to Urica before you can say knife. The murderer has reached the door — is on the other side — traverses several gilded saloons — races down stairs and corridors — jumps a dozen fences — is at last on the open road — and sprouts into the local station just as the last up-train comes puffing in — all in the twinkling of an eye. The young couple embark in their frail craft — steer it with easy confidence down the rushing stream — pass a kaleidoscopic panorama of wooded landscape, scattered cottages, busy port with its black hulls and forest of masts — are swished out to sea among the breakers — then cross the harbour bar — the captain quoting a verse from "Envy and are at last picked up by the huge liner before the band has played the opening bars of "Dixie". . . .

It explains the world-wide glory of Douglas Fairbanks. His first quality is agility. He can run and prance and frisk and swim trees and scale walls and vault into the saddle and leap chasms quicker and more easily than anybody else. Even without the films he would be an admirable acrobat; with their multiplication of speed his feats become miraculous. See his fight in *The Three Musketeers*. Old Dumas himself would be at a loss to explain the villainous Gisorsure in *Robin Hood*, or playing "chase me" with ladies of Richard Lion-Heart's court, or perilling his neck in his adventures in the castle where the fair Lady Marian is held a prisoner. Not Sir Walter Scott, nor Peacock ever could so rapidly as Robin — to say nothing of the Monk of Croydon and Geoffrey de Vinsauf and "the singular Anglo-Norman M.S. which Sir Arthur Wardour preserves with such jealous care in the third drawer of his oaken cabinet, scarcely allowing anyone to touch it." He is a winning smile, too, and a wonderful set of teeth for the posters. I suppose Douglas Fairbanks is much better known to millions of human beings than William Shakespeare or Napoleon Bonaparte, or even George Robey. We may make, we may choose, all sorts of reflections upon that, but at least it proves that the supreme pleasure in the motion picture is the pleasure of motion.

Another pleasure they provide is the luxury of intellectual contempt. They "give us a guide content ourselves by their revelation of the boundless ignorance, sheer stupidity, and atrocious taste of other people. If they offer a version of a novel or a play they laboriously put back everything which the novelist or the dramatist had been at the pains to leave out. Whatever merit there was in the original work in the way of development, perspective, measure, and balance — in a word, the artist's treatment of his subject as a whole — is thereby destroyed. . . . The art of literature has been defined as the art of leaving out. In this sense the film is the negation of art. As to its verbal explanations or "captions," they are the negation of its own art, which should aim at telling a story which speaks for itself. To say nothing of the sickening illiteracy of these captions, their horrible clichés of phrase, their emphasis of the obvious, their flatulence of style. Taste, tact, reticence, irony, subtlety — these things are unknown in the film world. Why? Because they would not be recognized, or, if recognized, not liked by the film public. You conclude that the majority of the human race are grossly ignorant and illiterate. But remember that you cannot, in Burke's phrase, "indict a nation". . . .

It may be that somewhere or other, behind my back, a new art of the film is being brought to light, independent and self-contained, avoiding perversions of what has already been expressed by other arts, and successfully expressing what can only be expressed by its own means. A film here headed B. I wish some good friend would tell me where to find it.

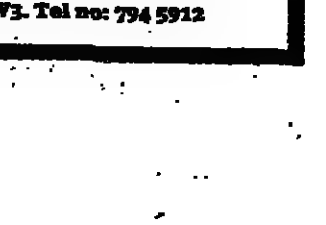
whatsoever for the history or religion of the country whose interest they claim to promote. We are, Sir, yours faithfully,
ISABEL M. BROWN,
PETER DAVIDSON,
The Old House,
Crail,
Fife,
September 27.

Passenger pigeons

From Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup

Sir, I don't know about yachting pigeons (Michael Greville's letter of September 24), but I do know about submarine pigeons.

In 1948 I took three pigeons to sea in a submarine from Gosport as an experiment. Submerging in mid-channel for several hours and after turning many circles at depth, we surfaced and released them at thirty miles, well out of sight of land. After release they circled the submarine three times and then flew straight home to Gosport. Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY TROUP,
Bridge Gardens,
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THE ARTS

Irving Wardle reviews
the Broadway hit *Torch
Song Trilogy*, just open
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Antony Sher

Revelations of passion and primal emotion

Aspects of family life:
Ian Sears (left), Antony Sher, Miriam Karlin



Harvey Fierstein has earned his place in American theatre history as the man who released homosexuality from the ghetto and installed it on Broadway. Generations of American playwrights have taken a compulsive interest in the subject; but only to present it in veiled hints, or to depict it as an unfortunate affliction deserving the sympathy of the straight majority. Mr Fierstein was the first to portray it openly as a separate way of life, whose partnerships were "not a Grade B version of heterosexual marriage", and to carry the point triumphantly with mainstream audiences.

So much for capsule assessment. The piece itself presents by no means such a head-on challenge to sexual prejudice. The *Trilogy* began life as three separate plays which appeared in the off-Broadway La Mama club between 1978 and 1979. Jointly they tell the tale of Arnold, a drag queen who loses one partner by marriage, another by murder, and winds up introducing a 15-year-old boy to his mother as his adopted son. Individually, however, they tell another story. Traditionally, homosexuals pass in

straight society either by clam-like discretion or by their entertainment value. They had the reputation of being terribly amusing, and quite safe if viewed from an appropriate distance. Arnold, when he first meets him, is just such a figure.

A genuine torch singer, Barbara Rosenblatt, launches the show, in glamorous contrast to the figure of the drag queen, Antony Sher, confronting a squalid dressing mirror and putting the last touches to his toilette. Mr Sher then slowly turns to face us, fishnet stockings revealed under a long slit dress, and presenting a grotesquely painted mask, which he then completes with a flaming auburn wig. "I guess a drag queen's like being an oil painting," he says. "You gotta stand back from it to get the full effect."

As you see, he can point a funny line; and the whole of his opening monologue amounts to a comedy routine. Also, as you would expect, it is the comedy of a defeated outsider. Later, when you see Arnold as a puny figure in jeans desperately awaiting a faithful lover to ring him, and then

cruising a homosexual bar, the same message comes across. It may be deliciously funny (in spite of the AIDS scare) to see Mr Sher trying to light a cigarette while being rhythmically pleased by an unseen partner; but there is nothing challenging in the spectacle. Here, it seems, is one of life's unfortunates, trying to gag his way out of the betrayals and loneliness that await the homosexual. The very title of the first play, *The International Stud*, seems to mark Arnold's dreams down for defeat.

To anyone who guffaws through the first act, the rest of the evening will be disconcerting. Arnold remains himself, Brooklyn wit intact, but the effort to sustain a bright comic surface gradually disappears. So, simultaneously, does the sense of any predetermined plot; the action enters a zone where it can develop in any direction and, where there are no obvious winners or losers. Far from having retreated into marriage, the faithful Ed (Rupert Frazer) has invited Arnold and his new boyfriend home for the weekend; and in the accurately titled *Fugue in a Nursery*

the four characters play out a quartet of changing partnership on a gigantic bed.

It contains flashes of jealousy and accusation; but its prevailing tone is one of affectionate bewilderment. All these people are fond of each other, and their comedy arises from trying to work out how to live together. Theatricality, this is the flabbiest of the three plays; but it is the one in which Mr Fierstein finds the courage to discard sexual stereotype and allow the characters to take over.

He reaps the reward of this decision in *Widows and Children First*, the most substantial play of the three, in which Arnold moves from a socially marginal position to confront the central issues of parenthood and family life, his drag queen career long forgotten. Two new characters arrive, both splendidly drawn: Arnold's mother, descending from Florida for a stupefying encounter with his foster son David, a totally self-possessed homosexual youth with verbal powers to outmatch his adoptive parent.

The collision between Arnold's ménage and the embattled force of

Jewish matriarchy generates a string of blissfully funny situations. At the same time, the piece rises to a passionately truthful climax as Arnold makes a final attempt to break through his mother's immovable defences and get her to acknowledge that he has created a good home. The note of anguished frustration when he meets only moral self-righteousness and emotional blackmail relates the play to all victims of censorious family life. And, following Mr Sher's marvellously resourceful displays of jealousy, narcissism and flirtatiousness (as where, in washing up, he converts a plate into a mirror, and then a fan), it is a revelation to experience such an outpouring of primal emotion.

Robert Allan Ackerman's production is tighter and physically better cast than what I remember of the Broadway version, even though Mr Sher draws the line at stepping into Mr Fierstein's bunny-rabbit slippers. With performances as good as Miriam Karlin as the mother and Ian Sears as David, it no longer seems a one-character play.

Television

British mythologies

Minder (ITV), like *Coronation Street*, is no longer just an ordinary television programme but part of popular British mythology. The characters of Arthur (George Cole) and Terry (Dennis Waterman) have an independent life outside the series.

The theme of last night's episode, *From Fulham with Love*, was that, underneath, your average Russian is just like the rest of us. Even a female political officer - this part was fetchingly played by Rula Lenska - despite her glacial manner, has warm blood flowing in her veins. It is an old idea that all men and women are the same when they are naked, and it can only be good that the British are reminded of this. Add the fact that the true forces of oppression in the episode (as they are every week) were the British police officers Chisholm and Jones, and one can see the radical turn this popular programme is taking.

Do They Mean Us? (BBC 2) will not enter into popular mythology unless there is a special category for worst programmes. I will pass over

the abominable presentation by Derek Jameson because far more important are the backward politics being peddled in this programme. Mr Jameson's point (the only has one) is that the perception of Britain by the foreign media is invariably wrong. From this it is a short step to the conclusion that the reason the foreigners have got it wrong is because they are foreigners. What this implies about British media perception of other countries is naturally not gone into. Perhaps because it is a well-known fact that the British media, alone of all the media in the world, are absolutely impartial, unbiased and accurate in the way they look at the rest of the world.

How can such a programme come to be made? If I were a cynic I would say that those who do the positive vetting at the BBC found Mr Jameson's views entirely laudable and chiming with their own. But I am not a cynic, so I conclude the reason it goes on being transmitted is because no one has noticed how bad it is.

Carlo Gebler

Dance

Twilight Sadler's Wells

There was to have been a new ballet at Sadler's Wells on Tuesday, but it seems that Derek Deane, the choreographer, ran into problems with his chosen music, so the premiere is deferred until next spring and instead Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet revived two substantial duets to plug the gap in the programme.

Twilight first entered the Royal Ballet repertoire in 1973, less than a year after Hans van Manen created it for Alexandra Radian and Han Ebbelaar of the Dutch National Ballet. It is the essence of anti-romanticism: the moon seen dimly, close to the horizon in Jean-Paul Vroom's beautiful blackcloth, gloves red, we understand, because of fumes from the chemical manufactory that occupies the foreground, and the two dancers are, beneath their polite manners, clawing each other to death in spite (or because) of their desire for each other.

The music is John Cage's attractive and atmospheric solo for prepared piano, *The Perilous Night*, ably played by Hilary

Bell, but her contribution went uncredited in the cast-sheet. This is a rewarding, unusual ballet, and it is a pleasure to have it back in the programme after a long gap. It was also a pleasure to welcome Marcia Hayde and Richard Cragun, who came as guests from Stuttgart for the first two performances. However, I am not entirely sure that they and this duet suit each other ideally.

The brittle intensity with which Hayde performs it might look better in Bejart choreography. Cragun successfully makes the man's role more dominating than usual, mainly by often starting intently away from his partner. Clever, but does it benefit the balance of the characters? I think I shall remember other performances by this couple, and of *Twilight*, more warmly.

As a contrast in style, Leanne Benjamin and Roland Pige danced Balanchine's *Agon*, Kovsky's *Pas de Deux*, to music the composer wrote for interpretation into *Swan Lake*. This was the first time Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet had attempted this bravura piece; the dancers were much applauded but I found it unconvincing and hope later in the week to define why.

John Percival

Regional opera

La traviata Dergate, Northampton

With Adrian Slack's restaging of Jonathan Miller's 1979 production, Kent Opera has an unpretentious and respectable *Traviata* to take on its autumn tour. Bernard Cusshaw's sets, notable mainly for the huge white drapes which enclose several scenes like curtains round a hospital bed (not an incongruous simile for this opera), seem to epitomize the feeling of understatement in the production.

That approach works best in the psychological drama of Act II's dialogues, and in the death-bed scene, where Verdi's music hardly needs an accompanying mime-show to convey its emotional meaning. But apart from one smartly-timed champagne-cork pop, in the bar's silence after the orchestral introduction to Alfredo's drink, and some Spanish horseplay (or more accurately bullplay), the party scenes were curiously tame.

Perhaps that was one reason why Quisa Kennedy had trouble in the early stages establishing Violetta as either sickly or sinful. She was much better at conveying the brittle state of the misguided lady, both in the *apré-party* de-

pression, where she moodily grasped at empty bottles, and at her moment of death, rather curiously making a supreme effort to embrace a bedpost. Her singing, too, was most effective where she dropped the volume to an affecting half-voice, though she had earlier surmounted the coloratura hurdles cleanly enough.

Patrick Power's Alfredo, stocky in build and solid in voice, seemed credible as the sort of steady fellow a real courtesan might fall for, and there was an equally pleasing vocal performance from Peter Knapp as Germont senior. Here again, however, the transition from moralistic sternness to tender concern at his first meeting with Violetta would have benefited from much stronger delineation.

At least there was no lack of strong sentiment coming from the pit. Ivan Fischer may have hurried his principals unduly through one or two well-loved numbers, but there was a tautness and urgency about his interpretation that surely matches the spirit of poor Violetta's last fling. Indeed, the orchestral playing was the evening's outstanding feature, and Janet Hilton should have taken a bow with the singers for her lovely high clarinet solo in Act II.

Richard Morrison

Penderecki premiere

The London premiere of Penderecki's *Second Symphony*, subtitled "Christmas" and widely considered to be a musical expression of the spirit of Solidarity, is included in the 1985-86 season of the YMSO (St John's, March 22). James Blair, the orchestra's principal conductor, directs seven of the 10 concerts, beginning with an Elgar programme in the Festival Hall on October 15.

Guest conductors include James Wood, who brings his acclaimed New London Chamber Choir for a baroque/classical programme (St John's, December 3) which includes the British premiere of Zeilenka's *Magnificat* in D, of which the complete score has been pieced together only in recent years, from manuscripts in the Saxon State Library, Dresden. The whole season is sponsored by Unilever.

London opera A Florentine Tragedy/The Birthday of the Infanta Covent Garden

With the mounting of two of his operas at Covent Garden, Zemlinsky's rehabilitation might seem to be assured, but unfortunately history is not so easily rewritten. The second of these Oscar Wilde adaptations, *The Birthday of the Infanta* (or *Der Zwerg* as Zemlinsky called it), surprised many other eyes and ears than mine when the Hamburg production was brought to Edinburgh three years ago. A recording, with much the same cast, only confirmed that this is a wholly remarkable score, and now the restaging of the Hamburg production at the Royal Opera House, once more with Kenneth Riegel courageous and astonishing in the central role, has proved again what a quite different kind of opera this is. It is a work whose power must suggest a deep personal involvement. Zemlinsky saw himself in the mirror of Wilde's tale, and the opera is the sound of his rage and weeping.

But it would be idle to pretend the piece can now take its place in the repertoire. Because it was neglected so long, it feels like an outsider; we have grown used to thinking of German opera of the 1920s dominated by Strauss, Berg, Hindemith and Schoenberg, and it is hard to put Zemlinsky into the picture retrospectively. Perhaps this is part of the challenge of *The Birthday of the Infanta*, that it undermines our security in knowing what "the repertoire" is. There are, out there in the past, more histories than one.

What will also stand in the way of this opera's acceptance, is more practically, is its natural companion piece. It is natural to couple *The Birthday of the Infanta* with Zemlinsky's treatment of Wilde's unfinished verse play, *A Florentine Tragedy*, but this rather earlier opera is not at all so strong a piece of theatre, partly because



Kenneth Riegel: dominating dwarf

the score is much more openly beholden to late Mahler and to Strauss in his moods of *Elektra* frenzy and *Rosenkavalier* waltzing. Maybe those are not bad models, but they seem to limit Zemlinsky's imagination, unless one can blame instead the psychological uncertainty of the action.

There are promising moments in the opera when it looks like becoming a sort of *Huis clos*, but the music swells about being anxious for something melodramatic to happen, and eventually it has its way. One has the impression, not only from this score but also from Zemlinsky's orchestral and chamber works, that he was a wavering creator, one whose art gained force only on the comparatively rare occasions when he was seized by an idea - a musical idea in his *Second Quartet*, or a dramatic idea in *The Birthday of the Infanta*.

We must be grateful that Sir Colin Davis shows an answering intensity of commitment in both the operas, whose luxuries are savoured even while their thrusts are being driven home. This is the beautiful passion that Zemlinsky, following Wilde, found inside the dwarf. The phrasing is generous, the texture at once rich and clear (spelled a tiny bit only by the spotlighting of the mandolin,

that Mahlerian visitor to both scores).

The operas also look good in the sets designed for Hamburg by Margit Bandy, discovered behind a metallic midnight-blue curtain that serves as well for the dark opulence of *A Florentine Tragedy* as for the false glamour of the Infanta's court.

Adolf Dresen's production is again distinguished by an austerity of movement in the first opera to balance the bouncing of the princess's identically dressed attendants in the second.

Covent Garden are very sensibly presenting both operas in English, which is a great help in works that are at once unfamiliar and essentially verbal in their dramatic character. It is a pity, though, that much of the advantage is lost, especially in *A Florentine Tragedy*, quite simply because so many of the words are inaudible. In fairness it must be added that Edward Frazer, in the main role of Simone, stepped late in the day into the breach left by the sad death of Guillermo Sarabia. He will surely allow his seductive menace to be more strongly projected in later performances. Kim Begley is a nicely sardonic figure as the noble Guido, and Claire Powell, looking like a temptress out of Egon Schiele (but not, I must make it clear, so posed), sings with ripe tone as Bianca.

The *Birthday of the Infanta* is wholly dominated by Mr Riegel, who bravely uses his voice and his whole body to portray the dwarf's misshapenness, while yet leaving himself room for wonderful musical phrases that expose his bigness of heart. This is a towering achievement. Celina Lindley as the Infanta has to sing and behave like a mechanical doll, which she does excellently, with an almost vibrato-less, chill porcelain tone. Stafford Dean and Isabel Buchanan ably tread the middle ground of normal humanity, but it is the dwarf who seizes our souls, as he seized Zemlinsky's.

Paul Griffiths

Mitsuko Uchida (right) embarks this weekend on a nine- month Mozartian odyssey: interview by Hilary Finch

Concerto formation

Mitsuko Uchida's complete cycle of Mozart Piano Concertos starts on Saturday, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and ends on June 3. Even the most dedicated of subscribers will find it difficult to sustain, over 10 concerts in nine months, the sense of order and patterning which the cycle's plan yields so satisfactorily on paper. Uchida herself, though, must, and doubtless will.

Miss Uchida's personal life is planned with an equally serious delight in order, harmony and selection. Her studio, off the Portobello Road, is a simple pattern of brown, black, cream, the odd smudge of indigo. Colour distracts her concentration: bouquets are relegated to below stairs. The order of the concertos is planned similarly: according to patterns of tonality, types of solo movement, finales; and her time away from them is no less minutely ordered. Reading? "No. Not when the season begins! It is too stimulating - in the wrong way. I look at poetry: it is short enough to focus my attention on one particular thing. That's it. That, and then something that keeps your mind ticking over, without any emotional input, such as grammar books, or reading bridge hands. Playing bridge is too exciting."

"This cycle, any cycle, is a very special thing to do. A responsibility you have to justify at each concert. And the sheer accumulation of each concerto builds up a physical memory: you suddenly see things, particularly harmonic relationships, in a different light. And tempo - the most difficult of all problems - that settles down. There are so many allegro first movements: just one allegro maestoso, one allegro vivace, two allegro apertos, one alla breve - everything else just straight allegro. Only when you prepare all of them, under pressure, do you find that balance of tempi."

With complete cycles of the Sonatas, live and recorded, under her belt, and with concerto recordings planned with Jeffrey Tate, Uchida is tackling Mozart comparatively early in her career. But she has been living with him, consciously or subconsciously, ever since she was five. It started with his song "Das Veilchen", on a wind-up 78 player at home



in Japan; K395 followed as her first concerto at 12; K467 as her first with orchestra in Vienna, where she went with her diplomat father, studied and lived for 10 years. Valuable years? "Interesting, yes, but limited. Vienna has a copyright on every composer of German-speaking origins. It was a strange but very important experience."

If only for provoking her to make her own lasting discoveries - Fritz Busch, Casals, Szeged, Enescu - outside Vienna, and to provoke her into independent thought and response. Like her conviction of the rightness of directing from the keyboard in live performance: "Normally, with a conductor, one becomes the soloist, which is totally wrong. Right and wrong. After all, how many soloists are there in the orchestra? All those woodwinds. What fantastic pleasure it is actually to see them in front of you and accompany them, rather than having to catch their eye. In the first movement of the K459, I'm their accompanist. That's that."

Does she feel directing from the keyboard is closer to Mozart's intentions? "I'm not aiming at authenticity. Other people might do, but I don't. Because everything is guesswork. We must try to figure out why a composer wrote a particular piece in a particular style at a particular time, and to that there can be no clear-cut conclusion. How is one to be sure that your 'authentic' reading, your translation of that 'authenticity', is indeed authentic?"

Uchida will use the Bärenreiter edition, checking on the new Eulenberg scores where they are available; she will play Mozart's cadenzas where they exist; she will have various of her own carefully prepared improvisations up her sleeve, and then: "I may use them; I may not. You are never sure of any performance until the note comes up. I simply try to be as truthful as possible in my limited understanding. Alfred Cortot played all the wrong notes - but his is still the most inspired Schumann I've heard in my life. The performances that mean most to me are those that move me in spite of themselves. Now my aim is not to play as many wrong notes as possible, but..."

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

DCL jumps on new bid hopes

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Mr Gerald Ronson, the entrepreneur who was a decisive influence in the fierce battle for control of the Debenhams stores group, may have turned his attention to Distillers Co, the spirits group.

At least that was the market view yesterday as DCL shares rose a heady 22p to 415p, a new peak. The share upsurge was accompanied by speculation that Mr Ronson's Heron Corporation, Britain's second largest private company, was bidding for stock.

But Heron was quick to dismiss the speculation. A spokesman said: "We certainly have not been buying DCL shares. We may have some in our pension fund but it is an insignificant number."

The market suggestion was that Mr Ronson, who with Sir Philip Harris, delivered key shareholdings to the bidding Burton Group in the final hours of its successful offer for Debenhams, saw the DCL as a similar money-making situation.

Argyll Group, which lunched in the City at Greig, Middleton & Co, the broker, yesterday, has signalled its bid interest in the DCL which itself has admitted having trading talks with the Argyll chief, Mr James Gulliver.

Greig, Middleton was reluctant to discuss the Argyll lunch. "It was a routine meeting," said the firm. But de Zoete & Bevan, the broker, recently lifted its profits forecast from £240 million to £250 million.

By the close DCL shares had lost some of their exuberance, finishing at 408p.

But the DCL did not have a monopoly on drink excitement. Guinness, which earlier this year won an acrimonious £370 million takeover struggle for the Arthur Bell & Sons, the Scotch whisky group, rose 8p to 380p as the company sold its 29 per cent shareholding in the Taunton Cider Co.

TCC, Britain's second largest cider group with some 28 per cent of the market, is in effect a brewers co-operative. The Guinness shares have gone to other drink shares were strong, helped by the August beer production figures. Allowing for the number of brewing days, beer production showed a 1.9 per cent increase - a remarkable performance considering the poor weather.

Equities, for the fourth

consecutive day, were in fine form. The FT 30 share index gained 7.7 points to 1,012.5 points and the 100-strong FT-SE share index was 9.4 points higher and back above 1,300 points at 1,305.4.

Interest rate hopes and the pound's performance helped sentiment. Government stocks were little changed.

Amid all the speculation about where De Corporation might strike again, yesterday's million De shares put through at a price of around 23p. The business was evenly split, apparently, between Laird & Cruickshank and Rowe & Pitman, the two brokers to the foods group.

Merridowns Wine Co., which has become the major influence in the upmarket sector of the cider business, should achieve profits of £1.5 million this year against £1.26 million, according to Mr Kevin Feeny of W Greenwell, the broker. The shares, which have wrongly tended to reflect the problems of the leading company in the industry, H P Bulmer Holdings, were unchanged at 340p.

The shares came from directors who have recently exercised options in the stock, but the relatively large number of shares sold did not hurt the market price. De ended the day unchanged at 230p.

City men have suggested that De might bid for Imperial Group or British Home Stores. The timing of this sale by directors, however, undercuts such ideas. The directors would hardly like to be seen selling their stock at such a price-sensitive time.

Composite insurers were pennies better. Last week's scare over hurricane Gloria in the United States is over, even though the storm caused lots more damage than the average "blower". The weakness in share prices caused by Gloria has been taken advantage of, and prices yesterday were between 3p and 8p higher.

Leading oil companies showed gains ahead of today's Opec meeting. American brokers were said to be taking a gamble on oil shares in the hope that world fuel prices cannot fall much further and may in fact be buoyed by the outcome of discussions among producers.

British Petroleum went 12p better to 355p, Britoil rose 4p to 210p. Barmah Oil was 2p up at 295p. Enterprise Oil rose 2p to 175p and Shell progressed 10p to 703p.

Prices on the electrical pitches were mixed. General Electric Company rose 2p to 158p alongside reports that the group is to lay off 900 workers out of the 7,000 in its telecommunications division.

Logica, which reported annual results on Tuesday, saw its price slip 3p to 149p. Though the figures were bad, the company had given the City ample warning and the price has stayed relatively firm. In addition, after meetings with analysts immediately after the results, Logica appears to have sold itself well. Leading brokers, such as W Greenwell, are putting out "buy" notices on the shares on the basis that the core software business is strong.

V G Instruments, the makers of scientific instruments and quoted subsidiary of BAT Industries, also keeps up its good profile in the market. The shareholders gained another 6p to 294p yesterday, putting them within a few pence of their best level for the year.

Simon Engineering was in favour with certain brokers, and the price rose 8p to 218p. Scrimgeour-Vickers, Hoare Govett and Simon & Coates were among the City firms mentioned as strong.

Market enthusiasm for British Aerospace grows steadily. Several leading brokers were pushing the shares yesterday, helping the price to reach 433p at one stage. James Capel and Scrimgeour-Vickers were reckoned to be leading the way, with Capel particularly keen after a recent meeting with BAe management. Confirmation of an order for five Jetstream 31 aircraft from the US also moved the price. The shares closed a net 15p up at 428p.

buyers of the stock. Feeling is that, despite a disappointing first half and unexciting prospects for the second, the engineering group is a good long-term recovery "buy".

A E also continues to be fancied, the shares rising 6p to 123p yesterday. The half year for the engineers has just ended, and analysts are looking for good figures when the results

APPOINTMENTS

Lloyds Merchant Bank: Mr Martin Crittenden has been appointed managing director. Mr Jorge Gamarci has joined the board.

Lloyds Bank: Mr Brian Ashby has been made general manager (organisation development) with responsibilities related to the merger of Lloyds Bank and Lloyds Bank International from October 14.

C. E. Heath & Co (International): Mr Barry Michael Dashiwood has been made an assistant director.

European Vocational Training Commission: Mr Malcolm Farley has been appointed chairman. He succeeds Mr Cees Stingerland.

The Institution of Public Lighting Engineers: Mr Ken Shaw has been elected president.

KAE Group: Mr Alan Charlesworth, managing director of Mintel Publications has joined the board. Mrs Bridget Garnett and Mrs Janet Gilkes have become directors of Mintel Publications.

United Technologies: Mr Robert F Daniell president and chief operating officer, is also to be chief executive officer from January 1, 1986. He succeeds Mr Harry Gray who will continue as chairman of UTC and chairman of the finance committee.

National Westminster Insurance Services: Mr Brian Carter has been made managing director in succession to Mr Byron Crittenden, who will be joining Lombard North Central as a director and a deputy chief executive.

S. & W. Berisford: Mr M. S. Aisher, Mr J. A. Friedman, Mr A. H. Morten and Mr H. J. Zuckerman have been made directors.

Imagination: Mr Richard Adams joins as finance director. Herondrive: Mr Ray Ryan joins as sales and marketing director and Mr David Briggs-Fish joins as financial controller.

TEMPUS

Tootal still on target but long-term view mixed

Tootal is keeping faith. It confirmed yesterday that it is still on target to make the £27 million before tax is forecast at the time of Entrad's bid. Admittedly movements in exchange rates will have removed most of the room for error.

Interim profits were up from £8.3 million to £9.7 million before tax. Allowing for property profits and exchange losses, the underlying increase was 51 per cent where as the full-year forecast simply needs an 18 per cent rise.

Most of this year's improvement is taking place at home, with savings from the big reorganization at American Thread yet to percolate through to profits. With that in mind, Tootal looks sure of further profits growth in the next year or two.

The question of what happens after that is vital because under the terms of a recent agreement, Entrad can then either renew its bid or sell its 29.9 per cent shareholding. If Tootal is to stay independent it has to demonstrate long-term growth prospects by then. Shareholders probably win either way.

The long-term prospect is mixed with the rising tide of protectionism a clear danger to such an international textile company. But Tootal counters by pointing to its low cost sources in China.

It has high hopes of other areas including clothing sales to Marks and Spencer. But with S. R. Gent, a major M & S supplier yesterday reporting profits down from £6.2 million to £1.9 million before tax and no sign of any let-up on margins other than through cost savings, the outlook is uncertain at best.

On the credit side, home furnishings and the non-wovens division, with new materials available, should put up a good performance.

At 73p Tootal shares are not taking the trading or bid prospects into account. They sell on just nine times earnings and yield 8 per cent. They are a safer investment than Gent's shares which at 74p trade on a multiple of possibly more than twice that.

Equities

The Chancellor no doubt is working hard on his speech to the Tory Party faithful at

Blackpool on Wednesday. Both he and the stock market are conscious that a good - or bad - reception may well have significant winter repercussions for the party as well as the Government.

Meanwhile, the equity market continues to edge ahead. Yesterday, prices closed some 6.6 points ahead at 1011.4, as measured by the FT 30-share index, maintaining the rally from the July slump. The market is now only 15 points or so away from its all-time peak. In a curious, almost uncanny way both the stock market and the Chancellor seem to be moving in a sequence of converging steps: they could well meet next week.

Such symmetry gives the comments of the market chartists an added piquancy. A broad consensus currently binds Robin Griffiths at Grieson Grant, Jack Defries at Greene & Co, and Richard Marshall at Investment Research in Cambridge.

All three agree that the equity market is nearing a break-out point. In chartist terms that point would be reached if the FT 30-Share index closed some 2 per cent above its previous peak - at 1045. The chances of this happening, on the face of it, look good. There is some expectation that the Chancellor may lend his comments with the agreeable appeal of a one point cut in base rates. That in turn could drive equity prices higher.

Yet the volume of business moving through the market is not impressive, both in terms of shares traded and cash. More disturbingly, the Advance-Decline Indicator, an early warning signal for a market about to top out, has been lagging the upward shift in share prices by a sizeable margin throughout the summer. The chartists also complain about the difficulties of finding shares to recommend, another sign of a very mature bull market.

Broadly, they are sceptical of the market's chances of moving into new high ground, although, surprise, surprise, they are careful not to rule it out. Their lack of trust extends to some instances to the gilt market, which is again nearing

Minet

Excellent interim results from Minet Holdings, which showed underlying brokerage growth of 31 per cent, caused the shares to rise 13p to 230p. Only three months ago they were languishing at a low of 162p, floored by news of the vast losses incurred at Minet's Lloyd's underwriting subsidiary, Richard Beckett.

In line with other insurance brokers Minet has benefited from the worldwide hardening of rates, after a prolonged period of vicious rate-cutting. Both new and existing business showed good advances.

Minet has scored from its world leadership in professional indemnity cover - 11 of the top 15 accountancy firms in North America have Minet-brokered policies. The precipitous increase in rates and growth of business, as more professionals run for cover, have clearly outweighed the penalty of the extra cost of Minet's own indemnity policy.

The front-end loading of Minet's business means that the £18.4 million pretax profit made in the first half will not be repeated in the second.

Professional indemnity and oil and gas business tends to fall in the first half. However, Minet looks set for £32 million this year, a rise of 37 per cent.

The risk factors are currency fluctuations and a falling capacity in the market. In the first half there was a net currency loss of £500,000 as a weaker Australian dollar and South African rand offset the slightly stronger US dollar. The now weaker US dollar will obviously have an adverse effect, particularly because more than half of Minet's business is in dollars.

The biggest imponderable, however, is the eventual cost of Richard Beckett. Disgruntled names are gearing up for a massive lawsuit and Minet will be in the front line.

The share price appreciation of the last three months, which has brought the prospective p/e of 10½ and yield of 4.9 per cent into line with the sector, leaves little more to go for. Given the uncertainty over Richard Beckett, it might be a time to sell.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Doubts about demand for multi-use buildings

By Judith Huntley

The prospects for the office market in Berkshire are bright but there may be an oversupply of space for high-tech companies which use the hybrid of office and production premises, according to Knight Frank & Rutley.

Dr Fer Dijkstra, the head of research at KFR, says: "There is still a lot of sorting out to do in the hi-tech sector, with a degree of trial and error involved." He underlines the phenomenal growth rate in the Thames Valley in the past two years where 1.2 million sq ft of space has been developed, almost twice the amount of office and industrial space put up.

Dr Dijkstra questions the level of demand for such buildings, arguing that demand is as yet unproven as are the buildings which tenants and owner occupiers want.

He says that the large supply of space may take time to be absorbed but that the level of new development will eventually fall. "Some developers will have sleepless nights" with the few large sites that do come on the market proving expensive to develop in infrastructure terms, he remarks.

Knight Frank says that, in addition to the 1.3 million sq ft of space under construction,

another 2.5 million sq ft has planning permission with 9 million sq ft planned but without approval.

The reverse is true of the office market in Berkshire. Completions in the 18 months to July were well down, 647,000 sq ft, compared with the 1983 figure of 909,000 sq ft. The main reason for this was a fall in the oversupply in the Reading market and the exhaustion of floor space allocations under the Berkshire Structure Plan.

Knight Frank says that vacancy rates are low in the office market and demand is good.

The strength of the Berkshire office market, particularly in Reading, bodes well for developers, who have sites with planning consent, such as the M20, London & Edinburgh Trust and the Prudential.

Dr Dijkstra predicts a boom in development when the new structure plan office floor space allocations work their way down into local plans. But he adds that the overall level of development will be much less than that recently allowed. He forecasts that in some locations only a third or half the amount of space will be allowable.

Knight Frank says that there is a common planning policy

Revival for Manchester offices

The office market in Manchester is seeing a revival in its fortunes. The recent letting of space in the Prudential Assurance Company's premises at 76 King Street to the northern unit of the Stock Exchange is indicative of this.

The Stock Exchange, wanting a "shopfront" for its operations, is paying £12.50 a sq ft for the King Street frontage of the 5,500 sq ft of space it has taken at an overall rent of £55,000 a year.

The Stock Exchange wanted the shopfront to enable people to come in off the street and instantly check share prices. The remaining 2,000 sq ft of space at King Street is being offered by Richard Ellis and Dunlop Heywood at a rent of £30,000 a year.

A spate of schemes coming on the market within the next six to 12 months are settling at asking rents of £8 a sq ft, although that has yet to be achieved for any sizeable amount of space.

Mr Jeremy Hobson, who runs Richard Ellis's Manchester office, says that most of the refurbishment schemes being undertaken in Manchester's city centre, which has many listed buildings, are being carried out by long-established owners, such as the insurance companies and funds. Returns are not high enough to warrant developers doing this kind of scheme.

He says that yields for prime office space in Manchester are about 6 per cent, with secondary investments being bought by private investors at double figures. The institutions are showing some interest in buying, but they only want the top quality space.

It is the professional firms who seem to be at the forefront of space demands at the moment. Deloitte Haskins and Sells, the firm of accountants, is looking for 35,000 sq ft of space in Manchester, a large requirement for the city and certainly the largest seen for some time.

The Stock Exchange, letting at £12.50 a sq ft, must have given heart to Guardian Royal Exchange, which is asking that figure for the banking hall space in its refurbishment of the 78,000 sq ft Ship Canal House, now virtually complete.

Institutional interest in Manchester's city centre has emerged from Sun Life of Canada's purchase of a freehold package of properties for £3.65 million from Orbit Developments (Manchester). One of these buildings is the 18,200 sq feet Clarence House.

County Bank has taken a pre-let of 5,100 sq ft there, with the letting agents W. H. Robinson and the Elliott Partnership, asking £7.25 a sq ft for the remaining space.

Alders opens new-look store

Alders, the department store group owned by Hanson Trust, has opened its new outlet in Basildon's Eastgate Centre.

The 150,000 sq ft new store has cost Alders £8 million with Basildon Development Corporation contributing to the £2 million fitting-out charges. It is a new-look department store for the Alders group with a strong emphasis on fashion retailing, an area where the group has been weak.

It has been designed to look like a mall within a mall and the Alders management thinks of it as a half-way stage between the Burton/Connors concept of a Galleria and the traditional department store.

Turnover in the first trading year is projected to be £20 million.

Citibank is to open its first in-store bank at Basildon which will open the same hours as Alders and offer full clearing bank services.

Arding & Hobbs in Clapham Junction, south London, is in for

a new look. Alders has called in Fitch & Co to redesign the store which is more likely to contain a series of specialist retail areas in what is seen to be an up and coming area.

At Eltham, also in south London, the group has ambitions to develop land next to its store which would incorporate its specialist furnishings store and food operator on the same site. The furnishings aspect has always been an Alders strength and it would like to build on its out-of-town experience at Leeds to develop more such operations.

The big question still remains, however, as to whether Hanson Trust will try to acquire another department store group, having missed the chance to get its hands on Debenhams. Small family companies or joint ventures with existing rivals look the best bet. The alternative might be to a management buyout.

The plum would be the group's largest department store

in Croydon, south London. It is badly in need of redevelopment and rationalization but it could cost more than £10 million to do so, a large sum for a buyout to take on board. Watch this space.

The Prudential Assurance Company has started work on its 160,000 sq ft development at Cribbs Causeway, Bristol, which forms phase one of its 650,000 sq ft retail park. Detailed plans are now being prepared by Prudential Assurance and Marks and Spencer for phase two of the scheme which will include a new Marks and Spencer store.

Slough Developments the property trading arm of Slough Estates, has sold its 6,500 sq ft office development with 3,000 sq ft of retailing in Duke Street, Henley, to Sun Life of Canada, for £1.5 million. The offices are let to Action Games & Toys and one shop is leased to Strachan & Sons.

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106	BABY CREAM (R Dochowale) L Cumani 5-11	G Harbottle 6	
107	CASHIER (M D Zuercher) L Cumani 5-11	R Cochrane 6	
108	CLECTIC (Mrs D Zuercher) L Cumani 5-11	R Guest 2	
109	FESHANG (W Mullins) P Kelloway 5-11	Gay 14	
110	FIRESTY (J Holmden) H Scott 5-11	P Cook 9	
112	FREEAL (D Wintch) H Cad 5-11	C Gauthen 8	
113	HOLBOROUGH OUTRIDER (Mrs P Kelloway) H Cad 5-11	C Gauthen 8	
114	KALITON (J Mullins) G Wragg 5-11	W R Carter 11	
116	LUNAR SHAMAL Gail (Col A Abuhath) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-11	G Bedford 11	
117	OLD DORSEYDAY BOOK Lord Derby J Winter 5-11	W Carson 7	
118	QUEEN OF BATTLE (H Gerhauser) M Ryan 5-11	P Robinson 3	
121	RANBELL (D Wintch) H Cad 5-11	T Quinn 1	
122	RELAXED (H Moller) G Wragg 5-11	G Gibson 20	
123	TRAVEL MYSTERY (R Parnis) P Wintch 5-11	J Miescoe 2	
125	WASS LASS (J Gubert) W Wintch 5-11	N Day 16	
127	VITALITY (G James) 5-11	R Fox 4	
130	ZALATIA (H Wragg) H Janna 5-11	R Fox 4	

3 Ask. Mamma, 100-30 Peral, 5 Ralsihel, 6 Austral Pairs, 7 Annabellika, 8 Travel Mystery, 10 Karm Talm, 14 others.

FORME: RELAXED (8-9) 15 lengths behind Ale Mstik (8-9) when 12th of the 14 runners, won ANGEL TARGET (6-9) further back in 13th heat (6f, 53.494, good, Aug 29, 1981). ANNABELLA (8-9) 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th to Ale Mstik (8-11) with Ask MAMA (8-9) a head back in 6th at Salisbury (6f, 25.400, good, Sept 12, 1981). FESTIVITY (8-9) 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, good to firm, Sept 27, 35 mth, WITTY (8-11) beaten 10th when 11th of 20 to Mantion (8-9) at Goodwood (6f, 21.274, good, Sept 14).

Don'ters: ASK MAMA

Newmarket selections
By Mandarin
2.0 Final 2.30 HOME BLADE (nan). 3.0 Cyrano De Bergerac. 3.35

Obertura. 4.10 Perkin Warbeck. 4.40 Henry The Lion.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Fireal. 2.30 Home Blade. 3.0 Tarib. 3.35 Life Peer. 4.10 Perkin
Warbeck. 4.40 Henry The Lion.
By Michael Seely
2.30 ZANATA (cop). 3.0 Tarib. 4.10 Perkin Warbeck

201	411104	SIGNOR (D) (F Seaman) P Cole 9-7	M Lynch 5
202	121010	HOMER BLADE (B) (M Ruston) O Doube 8-3	A Lequand 6
204	200428	ALBANIAN LAD (Mrs L Davies) R Hamon 8-9	G Starkey 1

206	U-1183	FARLEY WAA (C)	Civil Annulment & Entry 8-6	P Robinson	10
207	1-0000	KOR CARRA (C)	Divorce 8-6	P Robinson	10
208	1-10002	ZANATA (C)	CDI (Hr. Ags. Khan) M Stoute 5-2	K Branshaw 5	10
209	4200000	COINCIDENTAL (C. Merin) M Lambert 8-1		G Ouffield	10
210	1-10000	DURAYO (C) (Meridan Al-Maklout) C Benstead 8-1		B. Rouse	10
211	4129394	TYROLLE (Lay D'Avignon-Goldstein) N Vigners 8-1		S Davidson 3	10
212	1-0000	RAFFS B (C)	Divorce 8-6	W. Harris	10
213	0-00020	MISSING (Beachgrove Stud Farm) M Camacho 7-11		J Lowe	10
214	1930003	STOCK HILL LASS (C) (Mrs M Fairbairn) M Blanshant 7-8		N Adams	8
215	3-40000	BRICK COURNE (J Brod) J Duma 7-8		M/L Thomas	15

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Lyric Yum (6-1) born on August 23 (F1 24207, good Aug 23, term). FANCY WALK (8-3) 1% L 3rd of
 8 to Lap of Honour (6-1) at Goodwood (71 54937, good firm Sept 14). PRINCE (8-5) 5% L 4th to
 Tuesday (6-1) at Goodwood (71 55030, good to firm Sept 24) with ALBANY LAD (6-1) at
 a neck away in 5th Earler ALBANY LAD (7-1) 3 1/2 of 11 to Prince Stakes (8-9) in the Group 3
 Place House Stakes where May 4 (6 13252, good to firm). RAFFLE, winning (6-11) 5 L at Grand
 17 days (6 13254, July 29, 16 term). STOCK HILL LADS (8-13) 3 1/2 L 3rd of 9 to Fawcett (6-1)
 (7-12) at Chester (8 13206, good Aug 30).

3.0 BLOODSTOCK & GENERAL INSURANCE NURSERY HANDICAP
 150 yds; £5,881: 5f (13).

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3.35 JOCKEY CLUB CUP (Group III; 2:22.2-2:27)(10)

401	119-280	OLD COUNTRY (CO) (Imp.) Mrs O Albright L Cumani 6-9-7	R Guest	9
402	4-34020	CENTROLINE (A Binney Lay C A Best 7-5-3	L Love	3
403	2-23086	GIVANO (W Nuy M Ryan 4-5-3	P Robinson	4

Time 2:23.3

408	191042	FLOYD (D) (BF)	W Webster D Whitson 5-4-0	S Caution	7
409	011-004	TOO SHARP (CO)	M Yarwood W Blawern 5-0-0	R Hot	9
410	INDC P-11-16			R Hot	9
411	121311	LIFE PEEPER (S) (BF)	Thakood F Dunn 6-4-0	Paul Bakery	10
412	311330	TALE CUALE (D) (BF)	R Barnhart H Candy 3-5-4	I Tires	5
414	1111	OSMUTURA (R) (K Abundant G Harwood 5-4-0)		W Carson	1

1946: Old Country 5-2-7 W Harwood 5-4-0 I, Counsel 4 men.
 2 Spicy Shy 5-2-7 Old Country 5-1-5 Oberstar 8 India Putsu, 10 Centrolite,
 FORGE OLD COUNTRY (5-1-7) 7-13 Gliderson (R) at Acrop, previously 6-01 1/1-2, 2nd to Rainbow
 Quirt (R) at Espoon (M-4) 221,681, good, June 6, 79. GRWAND (R-S) well beaten 8th of 9

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612	CRINDA CRUMHOL	(D) (BF)	J Durling	G Hunter	2
612	210521	SAW CHERIE	P Simpson	W Trier	1-12
613	G-33901	ITALIC MUSC	(R) Sangster	B Hilt	7-12
614	623234	CHANGARDOR	(BF) (M) G Maloney	R Holtshausen	7-12
615	623234	WINTER PALMER	(D) (BF) (R) J Jarvis	7-12	M L Thomas
617	421324	WINTER PALMER	(D) (BF) (R) E Boz	W Thomas	7-12
618	604300	AKRONARD	(S) Dismore	P Haslam	7-12
619	604300	THE LUCKY BUNNY	(S) Dismore	M Ryan	7-12
620	00-090	THE ALLIED (Allied Manufacturing)	D Elovich	7-12	D Brown

6-4 Henry The Lion, 7-4 Tour D'Or, 8-5itting Bull, 8-8 Sam Chinsky, 8-10 Pato, 10 Training, 12 Piquet

Sept 14m: HENRY THE LION (9-5) beat Lord Grundy (9-5) at Doncaster (1m 2p, £4,241, good to firm, Sep 14, 12 m). **PATO** (8-1) beat Cerialin (8-3) a neck at Yarmouth (1m 2p, £3,025, good to firm, Sep 14, 12 m). **SAM CHIFFNEY** (9-1) awarded the race after finishing 1 1/2 and 2 to **Bolt and Beautiful** (9-1) at Newcastle (9-1) (1m 2p, £3,025, good to firm, Sep 14, 12 m). **CHANGING** (9-1) beat **Greyhound** (11-1) a neck at Chester (1m 2p, £1,892, good, Aug 31, 12 m). **CHANGING** (9-1) got up to beat **4th of Septe** (9-1) (11-1) at Beverley (1m 2p, £366, 12 m). **FOLLOW THE BAND** (9-5) beat a neck 2nd at Wolverhampton (9-5, £7,08, good to firm, Sep 17, 12 m). **WINTER PALACE** (9-11 2-1) up to **Sissy** (9-7) at Sandown (1m 3p, £2,450, firm, July 24, 12 m).
Selectors: FOLLOW THE BAND

Freddie Head teams up with Fitnah in Arc

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Criquette Head has announced Fitnah as a definite runner for the there will be no further watering as the weather forecast is less settled.

Fluminense Poté Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday. After the filly finished second to *Valencia* in the Prix Vermeille, *Finna* was mentioned as a possible runner for the Dubai Champion Stakes but plans have now been changed. Earlier in the season *Finna*, who will be ridden by *Patrick Bianconi*, the Arc, won by *Prix Saint-Alary*, and

There were still 23 horses left in the Arc after yesterday's fourth stage, but the final finish is expected to be around the 15 mark. Hubert Catrice, the Clerk of the Course at Longchamp, reports the going good

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● **Jump jockey Neale Doughty** is recovering satisfactorily from a minor operation to remove a non-malignant thyroid cyst. Doughty, who has been out of action for about a month, hopes to resume riding

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6.00 **Celebrity** AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; Plus, Zoe Brown's teenage report; Glynis Christian with a recipe; Richard Smith's phone-in medical advice; and reports from the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth.

9.30 **Labour Party Conference 1985**. Comment on the conference proceedings from Sir Robin Day and David Dimbleby.

10.30 **Play School** (r).

10.50 **Labour Party Conference 1985**. Further coverage.

12.30 **News Afternoon** with Ed Mitchell and Moira Stuart, followed by news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 **Pebble Mill** at One. Today's guests include Roger Royle talking to Dr Masud Houghlani about his work with severely handicapped children; Jane Lomas, secretary of the Northern Echo, discusses fashion work in her home town of Darlington; and photographer Terry O'Neill reveals the other side of the famous 1.45 **House of Commons** (r).

2.00 **Labour Party Conference 1985**. 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 **Up the Street**. What is the washing-line trial plaguing the gardens of Haddock-on-the-Sea? 4.10 **SuperTed** (r). 4.15 **Competition** between a pupil and a teacher. 4.30 **Chuggers** Plays Pop. Keith Chuggers' guests include Benedita Nolan, Jeremy Legge and Despoche Moore.

4.55 **John Cleese's Newsround**. 5.05 **Blue Peter**. John Ellis talks to a number of the survivors of Cyclone Tracy that battered Darwin on Christmas Eve, 1974 (Ceefax). 5.35 **Rolls-Royce** (Ceefax).

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.30 **London Plus**.

7.00 **Top of the Pops** introduced by Gary Davies and Paul Jordan.

7.30 **EastEnders**. The pregnant Michelle tells her mother she is going to Oxford Street to do some shopping but is in fact about to keep a mystery appointment (Ceefax).

8.00 **Tomorrow's World**. Peter Maclean tries to control a car skidding at a speed of 60mph; Judith Hann examines how staff of the National Gallery keep Old Masters looking like new; and there is an investigation into the non-mine of reinforced concrete.

8.30 **The Lenny Henry Show**. Comedy sketches, and music provided by Loose Ends.

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 **Just Good Friends**. As Vince and Penny rebuild their relationship, Vince tells Penny a warning from her mother (r) (Ceefax).

9.55 **Rough Justice**. The final programme of the series pieces together a puzzle that illustrates a useful weakness in the present system of British justice (see Choice).

10.35 **Giltair**. This week's stories include the sorry tale of a policeman who has written a best seller about the force only to be betrayed by his colleagues who had betrayed.

11.25 **The Past at Work**. Anthony Burton tracing the origins of industry, visits a neolithic tin mine in Norfolk; a Roman goldmine in Wales; and a wooden windmill at Bromsgrove (r).

11.50 **Weather**.

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6.15 **Good Morning Britain**, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Sally Jones at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 9.17; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; Popeye at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Elaine Lipworth's reunions at 8.17; news at 8.24; the role of fathers in the family at 8.54 and 9.12. The guests include Glynis Barber.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines**.

9.30 **For Schools**: a patient is admitted to a hospital's emergency department. 9.42 **Continuing** to read with Bill Oddie. The dangers of over-consuming sweet foods.

10.11 **A Profile of the Kingfisher**. 10.28 **Structures and functions of the human body**. 10.45 **Designing tools by computer**. 11.20 **Methods to alleviate blindness**. 11.37 **Bank holidays in years gone by**.

12.00 **The Giddy Game Show**. Jokes, puzzles and games 12.10 **Puzzle Lane**. The first of a new series designed for the pre-school infant. 12.30 **The Sullivan**.

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 **Thames news**. 1.30 **Falcon Crest**. Angela is returning to the province, marriage between Cole and Melissa. 2.25 **Home Cookery Club**. Apple and Cheshire Flan.

2.30 **Snooker**, and Racing from Newmarket. Clive Davies introduces live action from the semi-final of the Goya Matchroom Trophy. Brough Scott presents coverage of the 3.00 and 3.35 races. 3.55 **Thames news headlines**.

4.00 **The Giddy Game Show**. A repeat of the programme, shown at noon. 4.10 **Dora**. A cartoon series about a cat. 4.20 **Scoby Doo**. 4.45 **Them and Us**. Dramatised series about young people who have lived with the war.

5.15 **Thames Sport** presented by Brian Morris. Interviews with Eric Bristow and Annabel Croft, and snooker action from Stoke-on-Trent.

5.45 **News** with Michael Nicholson. 6.00 **Thames news**.

6.25 **Help** Viv Taylor Gae with news of information pack recently produced by Londonwide Home Working Group.

6.35 **Crossroads**. A problem pupil causes Stephen Fellows distress.

7.00 **Emmerdale Farm**. Annas Braury tries his hand at electrical work.

7.30 **Use a Chair**. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. The regular team captains, Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair, are joined by Cheryl Baker, Julie McKenzie, Mike Nolan, Ian Ogilvy, Sarah Payne and Gary Wilentz.

8.00 **Up the Elephant and Round the Castle**. Comedy series.

8.30 **Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer**. Negative image, investigating the death of a photographer friend, Mike Hammer discovers that the three girls he believes might be able to help, one is dead and the other two are missing.

9.30 **TV Eye**. Three Times a Lady. Will Mrs Thatcher lead the Tories to a third election victory in a row? Denis Tuohy talks to supporters, critics and to Mrs Thatcher.

10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather, followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **Snooker**. The final frames of the first semi-final in the Goya Matchroom Trophy.

10.55 **Newsnight**. 11.00 **Open University: Gravity and the Stars**. Ends at 11.25.

12.15 **Night Thoughts**.



Roy Hudd, John Whitfield and Chris Emmett on Radio 2 at 10.00 am.

● No ifs, no buts, or probabilities about the miscarriage of justice claims in the case of ROY HODD (BBC1, 9.55pm). The woman whose father was identified by Anthony Mycock by bars for five years for robbery with violence, admits in a filmed interview that she did. There never was a robbery. Therefore, Mycock is innocent. *Rough Justice* produces the interview with all the brilliant stagecraft of a conjuror who begins with some tame card tricks and then, just as we are lulled into believing that we have seen it all before, transforms the cards into an elephant. Lord Devlin appears to be as highly satisfied with tonight's sensational revelations as *Rough Justice* is entitled to feel. He has been in the vanguard of the legal reform campaign to reject unsupported evidence of identification in cases where

proving innocence or guilt depends on such evidence alone. Cases like Mycock's.

● **LION OF JUDAH** (Channel 4, 8.30pm). Lutz Becker's film about the legend of the Lion of Judah in the mid-30s, bears a title that leads us to expect a full-length portrait of Haile Selassie. In fact, the diminutive Emperor occupies only a corner of the frame, leaving the rest for a Duce to strut about. Becker should, therefore, have called his documentary *Hyenas of Rome*, or something like it. You have to admire *Lion of Judah* for the vast amount of archive film it has unearthed, much of it never seen before. The problem is that Becker does not know when enough is enough. He allows sequences to run on and on until they are drained of

interest. Nevertheless, nearly 50 years after the film has the power to leave us flabbergasted at the thought that Mussolini really believed that a victory of Italian armoured might and poison gas over Ethiopia would be the foundation stone on which to build a second Roman Empire.

● **Radio choice: IL TROVATORE** (Radio 3, 2.00pm). With Domingo and Placido Domingo in the lead roles and Giulini conducting, part one of David Wright's new version of the opera is a new translation of the *Carabinieri* (Radio 3, 7.00pm) and the return of THE NEWS (Radio 2, 10.00pm) which, although it has an endless roster of writers, is not normally an example of too many cooks spoiling what an excess of chefs spoil.

Peter Daville

News, Financial Report. 6.30 **Round Britain Quiz** (r). 7.00 **The Archers**. 7.20 **Any Answers?** John Timson with listeners' responses to last week's Any Answers. 7.40 **The UN - Rhetoric and Reality**. Alexander Macdonald traces the political evolution of the United Nations. 7.55 **News**. 8.10 **Episodes in Beethoven's Life**. Story by George Moore, read by John Gielgud. 8.37 **Weather**. 8.50 **The Living World**. Wildlife on the Karoo Plains. 9.05 **Story of a Minute**. Bill Brockton and Tom Ticker on the problems involved in buying and old house and the possibilities of getting a grant (r). 9.20 **News**. 9.30 **The Family**. How families influence their members and turn them into the people they eventually become (r). 9.45 **Learning to be a Parent** (r). 10.00 **Morning Story: The Countess** by R. D. S. Jack. Reader Diana Dorian. 10.15 **At the Movies**. 11.00 **News**. 11.15 **Travel: A Splendour Among Shadows**. The story of Maxwell Perkins, editor and biographer of J. R. 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British envoys leave Moscow

From Richard Owen
Moscow

An eight-car convoy of expelled British diplomats and their families left for home via Finland and Scandinavia last night, but only after emergency repairs were made because of a mysterious spate of damage to British embassy vehicles.

The largest number of expelled Britons is leaving by air today for Heathrow on British Airways scheduled Moscow to London flights.

Some of the 31 expellees had chosen to drive out of Russia. They were led out of Moscow by Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambassador. He only went part of the way but Mr Bill Somerset, the British Consul, is accompanying the convoy to the Finnish border and beyond to ensure there is no further harassment.

The unexplained attacks on British cars began last week as the full complement of expelled Russians returned to Moscow from London in single group. Yesterday the British Embassy protested to the Soviet Foreign Ministry "at a high level". Nails and screws were driven into car tyres to render the vehicles immobile.

A British Embassy spokesman said seven diplomats were affected, four of them on the expulsions list and three not. The British expellees are leaving piecemeal rather than en masse. Two of the expelled journalists also left by car last night as well as the diplomatic convoy.

The career of a Hollywood great



Rock Hudson and Doris Day in one of their most famous films, *Pillow Talk*.

With his wife, Phyllis Gates.

A gaunt Hudson and Doris Day in California earlier this year.

Liverpool councillors face Labour inquiry

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members of the *Militant* newspaper's editorial board were expelled from the party after a fierce internal battle and Mr Kinnoch's advisers have warned him since then against any mass expulsion of *Militant*. It was not clear last night what evidence Mr Cure would be placing before the executive but Mr Hutton's appearance on a *Militant* platform on Thursday night along leading *Militant* figures will clearly be cited.

Another member of the executive, Miss Betty Booth-

royd, said: "We have a duty to the party to examine any individual who appears on a *Militant* platform. The NEC has a duty to investigate."

At the Labour Party conference in Bournemouth yesterday Liverpool's *Militants* were put on the spot and forced to accept the intervention of the party leadership in an attempt to resolve the city's confrontation with the Government.

The dramatic breakthrough came at the end of a highly-charged debate in which Mr Hutton had directly challenged

Mr Neil Kinnoch to go to Liverpool and look at the financial books.

That challenge was later picked up by Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield council, who said that the way in which they dealt with the problem would show "whether we are socialists or whether we are a rabble tearing each others' guts out".

He proposed that representatives of the unions, the national executive and the Labour frontbench should join Mr John Hamilton, the city's non-*Mili-*

tant leader, in trying to find a solution.

Mr Blunkett then capped his peace proposal with a successful appeal for Mr Hutton to withdraw a hardline resolution in support of outright defiance of government policies.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union and Mr David Bassett, general secretary of the General Municipal and Boilermakers Union, will be going to Liverpool next week.

Mr John Cunningham, the

frontbench spokesman on local government, said that Mr Kinnoch had written to Liverpool council in June to ask for a detailed brief on the financial crisis. "They just didn't respond," he said.

The Public Works Loan Board, the government agency which lends money to local authorities, is understood to have decided yesterday to resume its lending to Liverpool City Council.

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Gunmen murder Russian hostage

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in the company of a delegation of Iranian officials in Damascus with the Syrian Vice-President, Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam.

Two of Lebanon's most extreme Shia religious leaders, Sheikh Subhi Tofaili, who lives in Baalbek and exercises great influence over the Hezbollah, and Sheikh Hussein Moussavi, were present at the meeting. Iran and Syria are therefore both trying to bring at least a temporary halt to the bloodshed in Tripoli. It may be the only chance of saving the lives of the three Russians.

But by midday, fierce fighting had resumed around Tripoli and Soviet officials feared another of their colleagues may soon be murdered. One Russian in the city seemed almost resigned to the way his country had been touched at last by the anarchy in Lebanon after years of immunity.

"It was the Americans and the French and then the British who were hit before," he said. "Now I suppose it's our turn... we now have the same problem as other foreigners in Lebanon."

In the eyes of Western diplomats still living in West Beirut, the Russians have been living in a fool's paradise for the past 10 years, assuming that their general political support for pro-Syria and left-wing movements provided them with protection. There are about 150 Soviet citizens in Lebanon and none had been kidnapped.

● Moscow: There was shock in Moscow yesterday as it began to sink in that Russian rather than Americans or other Westerners were the victims of the latest act of terrorism by Muslim fundamentalists in Lebanon (Richard Owen writes). But there were no Western-style headlines about the incident, and during the day the official media did not reveal that Mr Katov had been killed.

Readers of *Pravda* poured over a short report on page five, based on the Tass statement that he had been killed. "A criminal act," it called the gunmen "bandits from an arch-reactionary ultra right-wing organization," and said the lives of the hostages were in jeopardy. It did not name them.

Letter from Silicon Valley

Middle age chips away at whiz-kids

It was a plaintive note to end on... "I am but thirty," wrote Steve Jobs, contemplating his broken crown, "and want still to contribute and achieve."

The rocket-like rise and startling fall of Mr Jobs is a quintessential Silicon Valley story. It is really a frontier story, especially fascinating to Americans in whom the idea of the frontier, making a fortune and a new life, is strongly implanted.

In the medieval period of the personal computer industry, way back in the mid-1970s, Steve Jobs and his friend, Steve Wozniak, known as "Woz," were the original whiz-kids, college drop-outs who sold their possessions, a car and a calculator, for \$1,300 and ploughed the money into building the first Apple personal computers in a garage. Before that, computers were bulky and formidable, owned by universities and corporations.

Woz was the high-tech wizard, a prototype computer nerd, what we would call a swot, or, more kindly, a boffin.

Steve Jobs was a brilliant entrepreneur, a visionary whose intuition told him that a particular high-tech wave was about to roll. He and Woz rode the wave and made Apple the most astonishing of the Silicon Valley success stories.

They moved out of the garage in 1976 and into big money manufacturing. Sales rose from \$2.5 million in 1977 to \$1.5 billion in 1984. At 23, Jobs was one of America's 400 richest men. He was also a celebrity, with a reputation for being difficult and mercurial, and rude enough for people to liken him to John McEnroe.

Apple ripened in the hot house of California's Silicon Valley, one of the greatest concentrations of brain power, wealth and the entrepreneurial dynamism in the United States.

In the prehistoric era of electronics, in 1912, three researchers in Palo Alto used a vacuum tube to amplify the footsteps of a fly, a clumping sound that signalled the start of major electronic development. Later the area became

the centre of transistor development, with much of its phenomenal brain power provided by Stanford University. It was dubbed Silicon Valley in 1971 because semiconductor chips, the basis of electronic industries, are made of silicon.

As a hive of highly educated people and thousands of millionaires, a workaholic tempo and devotion to personal ingenuity, Silicon Valley became the fastest-growing industrial area in the country.

In the 1970s, especially, it was Nerd Heaven, full of intense young men working day and night in garages and labs. It was enterprise heaven, too, with plenty of venture capitalists and bright, brash managers, and a deep aversion to trade unions.

The place was like a goldfield, full of fortune hunters and schemers, striking it rich.

Characteristic of its creativity has been the way that entrepreneurs and inventors start companies, split and start new ones, a constant cycle of spin-offs and defections.

But inventors and whiz-kids are often victims of their own success. Companies grow bigger, more corporate minded and, in the nature of things, are intolerant of that individual quirkiness and independence to which they owe their birth. Inventors rarely make good managers.

As Apple's managerial hierarchy grew, Mr Wozniak dropped out and Steve Jobs found himself being pushed into the cold: he called his office "Siberia". Now he has resigned his figurehead chairmanship, plans a spin-off company, and, perhaps inevitably in this most litigious of societies, is being sued for walking off with know-how.

At 30, he has seen Silicon Valley grow from exuberant adolescence into mature adulthood. In this most litigious of societies, it is being sued for walking off with know-how.

Trevor Fishlock

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Prince of Wales attends a board meeting of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, 33 Hill St, W1, 10.35; and later as President of Youth Business Initiative, attends a ceremony at the National Westminster Tower, 25 Old Broad St, 2.30.
The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, 12.30.
Princess Anne, President, the Save the Children Fund, visits the Rainbow Playgroup, Ashley Estate, Southwark, 10.45; the Pepsys Playgroup, Pepsys Estate, Lewisham, 11.35; and then the Sunshine Playgroup, Lewisham, 12.10; later, as President of the British Olympic Association, she attends their annual meeting, Cafe Royal, 66

Regent St, 2.25; in the evening she attends the Back House Group charity concert given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Festival Hall, 6.30.
Princess Margaret attends the awards ceremony of the Horses and Ponies Protection Association in the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, 12.
The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman, the Overseas Trade Board, opens a new building for Plessey Electronics Systems, Romsey, Hants, 11.40.
Princess Alexandra attends the preview of the inaugural exhibition of the Society for Wildlife Art for the Nation, Guildhall Art Gallery, EC2, 6.
New exhibitions
Venice Watercolours by 19th and 20th century artists, Peter Manthey, Gallery, 21 Milson St, Bath; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30 (ends Nov 11).
An Edinburgh Victorian - the art

of Thomas Lauder Sawney; and watercolours by Patricia Bell, The Edinburgh Arts Centre, 43 High St, Edinburgh; Tues to Sat 10 to 4 (ends Nov 21).
Exhibitions in progress
Paintings by Terry McCrossan (ends Oct 31) and Annual Members exhibition, MacLaurin Art Gallery, Royal Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5.
Northern Impressions - prints from the NE of England: Photographs by David Wallis and Aspects of Figurative - selected works depicting the human figure; Rozelle House, Ayr; Mon to Sat 1 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 27).
The Sorrells: Phoenix Gallery, Lavenham, Suffolk; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends Oct 21).
Last chance to see
Tribute to Wilkie: National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh 10 to 5.

Roads
London and South-east A12: Eastern Avenue, Wandsworth: Both sides of dual carriageway reduced to one lane, M4: Eastbound slip reduced to one lane at junction 4 (Heathrow/Uxbridge: one lane) tailbacks occur. M11: offside lane of southbound track closed in two mile stretches from junction 9 (Great Chestford) to junction 8 (Bishops Cleeve).
The Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junction 3 (A456 Halesowen and Birmingham W); no southbound access at junctions; M54: Contraflow between junctions 5 (Ketterley) and 6 (Westwood exit at junction 6); alternative routes signposted. A49: Temporary signals on Ludlow bypass, Shropshire.
Wales and West: M4: Contraflow at junction 22 approaching Newhouse interchange. M4: Contraflow between junctions 22 and 23. Chepstow to Magor, Gwent; only one lane available for eastbound traffic. A449: Contraflow at Usk, Gwent.
North: M63/M62/M602: Eccles interchange. Greater Manchester: Lane restrictions on M63 northbound to M62 westbound. A1008: Traffic restrictions on Newport Bridge, Cleveland; no vehicle travelling westbound will be able to proceed from junction of Newport Bridge approach road with Newburn roundabout; diversions in operation. A58: Repairs to burst water main in Bolton Rd, Ashton, Greater Manchester.
Scotland: M74: Various lane closures between junction 5 (A752) and Hamilton service area. A832: Reconstruction at Kinlochewe (Ross and Cromarty) single lane traffic with lights (24 hrs). A7: Temporary lights N of Aberdeen, Perthshire, and periodic halts for blasting.
Information supplied by the AA.

The papers
The Daily Express says: "At Bournemouth yesterday, Neil Kinnoch picked up where he had left off in his speech on Tuesday, in another powerful performance. He begged his party not to support Arthur Scargill's demand that a future Labour Government repay the heavy wage SW strong, local gains in exposed places; max temp 18C (64F)."
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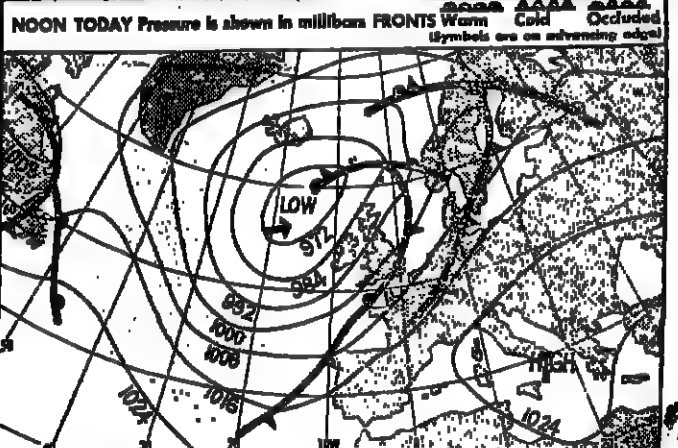
Weather forecast

A deep depression in mid-Atlantic will maintain a strong, moist SW flow over the United Kingdom.

6am to midnight

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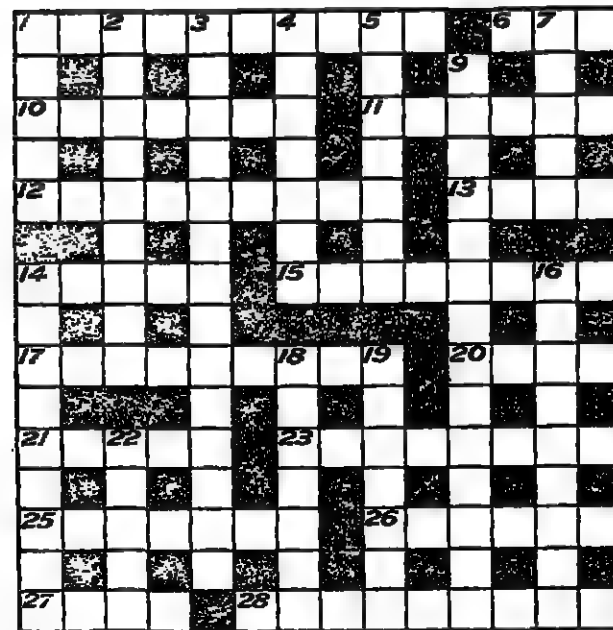
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High tides

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London Bridge	4.59	6.07	6.07
Aberdeen	4.05	4.40	3.8
Amble	1.10	12.4	1.1
Belfast	2.03	3.1	2.27
Cardiff	10.04	11.01	11.9
Doncaster	1.10	12.4	1.1
Dover	1.17	6.3	2.04
Falmouth	2.29	6.0	4.12
Glasgow	2.51	3.7	3.01
Hartlepool	1.10	12.4	1.1
Hull	9.22	7.1	9.30
London	4.59	6.07	6.07
Lough	1.10	12.4	1.1
Liverpool	2.06	6.3	2.19
Lynn	1.10	12.4	1.1
Malton	1.10	12.4	1.1
Marazion	1.10	12.4	1.1
Oban	1.10	12.4	1.1
Portsmouth	2.30	4.4	2.4
Shoreham	1.10	12.4	1.1
Southampton	1.10	12.4	1.1
Swansea	1.10	12.4	1.1
Torquay	1.10	12.4	1.1
Wexford	1.10	12.4	1.1
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,858



- ACROSS
- 1 Hags about to attend to sheep (10).
 - 2 Just getting light (4).
 - 3 Tenant dressed like a monk (7).
 - 4 The place of the bibliophile? (7).
 - 5 Though calm, ennui concealed brightness (9).
 - 6 Figure on a water-supply, so stay (5).
 - 7 Short ton - Irish (5).
 - 8 Former nurse and social worker displayed heraldically (9).
 - 9 Have a party and let care be set loose (9).
 - 10 Fed in different ways subsequently (5).
 - 11 Band readily returned a key taken (5).
 - 12 The anti-hunt crowd (9).
 - 13 Colour of lake (7).
 - 14 Dressing makes musicians look older (7).
 - 15 Right out of line (4).
 - 16 Feels people in a good man's charge (10).
- DOWN
- 1 Calm retreat (5).
 - 2 Day-long back-exercises border on real craziness (9).
 - 3 "A" in a cage puts all Heaven in a rage? (Black) (15).

Talks, lectures
Badgers and bovine tuberculosis: Biology Department, St John's College, Haverhill Green, York, 7.30.
Our Huguenot heritage: by Dr Robin Gwynn: Lecture Hall, Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, 7.30.
Cauterbury Festival: Italy for everyone, by Edmund Swinglehurst; Old Synagogue, 5.
General
What's New 4 - exhibition of new ideas for home, business, and pleasure: Dorset Town Hall, 10 to 8 daily, Sun 10 to 6 (until Oct 6).

TV interference
Advice to householders on how to improve television and radio reception is contained in a Government booklet available from today at any main post office. *How to Improve Television and Radio Reception*, prepared by the Department of Trade and Industry's Radio Investigation Service, is free on request. The DTI hope it will cut down on the number of calls for help they receive from interference, the booklet contains a form on which problems can be noted with a request for a call from an RIS district office.

The pound

Country	Bank	Rate
Australia	Bank of Australia	1.96
Belgium	Bank of Belgium	1.36
Canada	Bank of Montreal	1.36
Denmark	Bank of Denmark	1.36
France	Bank of France	1.36
Germany	Bank of Germany	1.36
Italy	Bank of Italy	1.36
Japan	Bank of Japan	1.36
Netherlands	Bank of Netherlands	1.36
Portugal	Bank of Portugal	1.36
Spain	Bank of Spain	1.36
Sweden	Bank of Sweden	1.36
Switzerland	Bank of Switzerland	1.36
United States	Bank of America	1.36

Lighting-up time

London 7.04 pm to 6.36 am
Bristol 7.14 pm to 6.46 am
Edinburgh 7.13 pm to 6.51 am
Manchester 7.11 pm to 6.48 am
Preston 7.28 pm to 6.57 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; F, fair; S, sun; B, sun; P, sun; M, sun; L, sun; H, sun; V, sun; W, sun; X, sun; Y, sun; Z, sun; AA, sun; AB, sun; AC, sun; AD, sun; AE, sun; AF, sun; AG, sun; AH, sun; AI, sun; AJ, sun; AK, sun; AL, sun; AM, sun; AN, sun; AO, sun; AP, sun; AQ, sun; AR, sun; AS, sun; AT, sun; AU, sun; AV, sun; AW, sun; AX, sun; AY, sun; AZ, sun; BA, sun; BB, sun; BC, sun; BD, sun; BE, sun; BF, sun; BG, sun; BH, sun; BI, sun; BJ, sun; BK, sun; BL, sun; BM, sun; BN, sun; BO, sun; BP, sun; BQ, sun; BR, sun; BS, sun; BT, sun; BU, sun; BV, sun; BW, sun; BX, sun; BY, sun; BZ, sun; CA, sun; CB, sun; CC, sun; CD, sun; CE, sun; CF, sun; CG, sun; CH, sun; CI, sun; CJ, sun; CK, sun; CL, sun; CM, sun; CN, sun; CO, sun; CP, sun; CQ, sun; CR, sun; CS, sun; CT, sun; CU, sun; CV, sun; CW, sun; CX, sun; CY, sun; CZ, sun; DA, sun; DB, sun; DC, sun; DD, sun; DE, sun; DF, sun; DG, sun; DH, sun; DI, sun; DJ, sun; DK, sun; DL, sun; DM, sun; DN, sun; DO, sun; DP, sun; DQ, sun; DR, sun; 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West Cumbria Health Authority DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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2. UNIT GENERAL MANAGER (A) - ACUTE SERVICES

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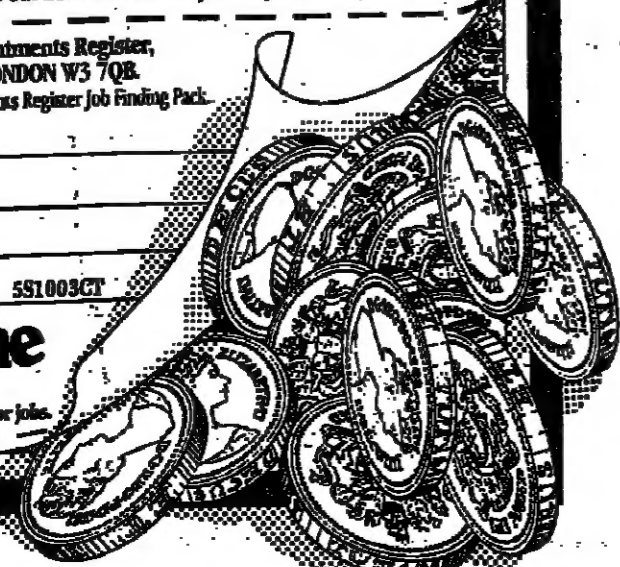
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Richard's aim is to become a teacher. He has no previous educational qualifications. Nor has he any guarantee that this Alternative Admissions course will definitely lead to the teacher training course, his eventual goal. What he does know is that his vocation in life is to work with children in a classroom.

"I'm selling my house and giving up the company car, and the family will be living on very little money for the next five years," says Richard. "But I can't go on saying, 'If only I'd had the courage before...'"

Richard Hornsby is exceptional in the amount of material benefits he is giving up to become a mature student. Typically, the mature person on a degree course is an early middle-aged woman looking for fresh challenges after child-rearing. But this may be changing. The number of men on the

Colleges have recently struck a rich new vein of mature talent, as Edward Fennell reports

education clearly grips the imagination of many in middle age who neglected, or did not aspire to, higher education as teenagers.

Undoubtedly, wider horizons for women have contributed to this. Some degree courses, particularly in non-vocational subjects such as Fine Arts, are almost dependent on older women as the staple for their survival. At Kingston Polytechnic between a quarter and a third of students on the Modern Art course are in that category.

But mature students are not just interested in enriching their lives through cultural study. For many people, such as Richard Hornsby, it is a brave attempt to redirect their lives and establish a new career before it is too late.

Fortunately, college authorities at both universities and polytechnics are generally sympathetic to older applicants. Mature students have a good track record for hard work and serious study. Unlike 19 year olds, they are usually undistracted by an excess of parties, alcohol, sport, or the opposite sex. Their motivation and commitment tends to be at a much higher level. And their attitudes towards their tutors tends to be more mature and positive. As one English literature university admissions tutor commented: "I'm always delighted to receive applications from older people - they're so much more interesting to work with."

The reception given to older students when they make their preliminary enquiries about entrance can be very important. Richard Hornsby reports that when he went for his preliminary discussion at Birmingham Polytechnic he was most impressed by the quality of advice he received. "The admission tutor I saw at the poly was extremely helpful and clearly accustomed to dealing with applicants like myself. It boosted my confidence considerably."

It is often claimed that polytechnics are more sympathetic than universities to older applicants. Certainly the Universities' Central Council on Admissions, in its booklet *Mature Students and Universities*, goes out of its way to emphasize that universities "welcome mature students because of their particular contribution to the life of a university."

On the other hand, universities in general do seem happier sticking to the traditional, predictable, A-level qualified 19-year-old school-leaver. Paul Van Rossum is certain that his polytechnic colleagues are likely to be far more receptive to the older person.

"Polytechnics are accustomed to having the older student on the premises - partly because we run so many part-time courses - so it seems entirely natural to have over 25-year-olds on our degree courses," he says.

Polytechnics are often more flexible as regards formal entry qualifications. The universities stress that older applicants are in direct competition with school leavers, whereas many polytechnic tutors regard the mature student as in a separate category.

Obviously, one problem for the older person is to adjust to a teacher-pupil relationship again and to comply with regulations and instructions. Richard Hornsby confesses: "When I attended a preliminary day course on life as a full-time student, I found it hard to forget that I was a manager with a company car and a secretary."

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"When I arrived on my first day at college I really wondered what I'd let myself in for," commented one woman in her 30s. "But I soon realized that those 18-year-olds were more nervous of me than I was of them. Once we had broken the ice we all got on very well."

As an increasing number of adults apply for higher education, educators are becoming better at dealing with their queries. Some areas, such as Birmingham, have adult education advisory centres to help people take the first steps. Elsewhere, the Careers Service can provide advice. But people like Richard Hornsby need all the assistance they can get. After all, would you give up your house and company car for the sake of study?

The 'second chance' that grips the imagination

Birmingham course is starting to increase and at Kingston Polytechnic even the registrar, Paul Van Rossum, expresses surprise at the number of men on some of their courses.

"In Applied Social Studies we have nine mature students out of a total of 55 admissions," he says by way of example. "Of those nine there are four men and five women, a higher proportion of men than I would have expected."

But it is the proportion of mature students in general which comes as a surprise. There is still a long way to go before reaching the "continuing education society" in which people return to higher education, to start afresh, as part of a regular pattern of life. Nonetheless, the model of higher education as being the prerogative of youth is obsolete. Almost a quarter of those starting on degree courses are men aged over 21 and around 15 per cent are over 25. Whereas the number of undergraduates in total is decreasing, the number of mature students is rising rapidly. Between 1970 and 1983 the numbers starting on degree courses increased by 62 per cent for men and by 25 per cent for women.

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Further details and an application form may be obtained from Mr J P Moore, ESRC, 1 Temple Ave, London EC4.

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For an information pack and application form, please apply, stating which vacancy interests you, to: District Personnel Office, Hengrave House, Torbay Hospital, Lawes Bridge, Torquay TQ2 7AA. Tel: 0803 64567 ext. 5717.

Closing date for completed applications: 14th October 1985.

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